

The Word



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Eastertide

God has given us a great gift! Jesus Christ has defeated death and opened the doors to everlasting life in Paradise! We no longer need to fear God's judgment: our sins are forgiven. And death is not the end. As God raised Jesus from death, God will also raise us from death, and welcome us into The Kingdom. And this calls for celebration! Throughout Eastertide we thank God for the extraordinary gifts given to all humanity in Jesus Christ. Every Sunday, all year long, we remember the Resurrection and all the benefits of God's grace.

Our worship is an offering to God; it is time we set aside to be with our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier. We read sacred texts, listen to a sermon that helps us relate the faith and lessons of our forebears to the challenges of our time, we pray, we renew our faith by reciting one of our Creeds, we share the peace of God, and we receive the love and grace of God embodied in bread and wine. Worship is our first response to the love given us through Jesus Christ and God's Holy Spirit. And our worship should be the very best we can give, an offering of our whole being.

But the Good News of Easter calls for more than celebration. The gifts of forgiveness, eternal life in Heaven, reunion with friends and loved ones, deserves more than a chorus line of enthusiastic Alleluias. God wants us to share this Good News, share this hope and God's love – with every-

one.

Thus inspired, we "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" [The Book of Common Prayer page 366]. We return to our homes and our places of work, we go to the places we visit for goods and services, and the places we enjoy recreation, to "proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ;" to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves" [The Book of Common Prayer, page 305], In our worship we receive the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, to serve other people as Christ serves us.

The gifts given to us by God call for worship and service – the best we can give of both, everyday.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God for everyone who helped with Holy Week and Easter services! Thanks be to God for the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Passion Gospel Readers, Vocal Choir, Handbell Choir, Church Photographer, Seminarians, Vergers, Volunteers, and Church Staff! You are all wonderful!

Congratulations to our Seminarians!

Congratulations to Peter, Nicole, and Roman Doddema! God be with you throughout your move to Harrodsburg, Kentucky! God

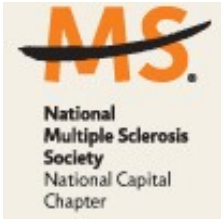
be with you as you settle into your new community! God be with you in your ministry at St. Philip's Episcopal Church! We are grateful for your time with us, and your gifts to us.

And congratulations to The Rev. Wisnel Dejardin who will be returning to Haiti, where he will serve as directed by his Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jean-Zache Duracin. We are grateful for your time with us, and your gifts to us.

We will remember you, and keep you in our prayers.

- Fr. Brad





St. Tim's
STRIDES for
MS – National
Capital
Challenge

Walk, September 24-25, 2011

The Multiple Sclerosis National Capital Challenge Walk is September 24-25, 2011. The Capital Challenge Walk MS is a two-day, 50 kilometer experience that tests your strength and spirit, and makes an extraordinary difference in the lives of the 400,000 people living in the United States with multiple sclerosis. **St. Tim's STRIDES for MS** (*Steps taken regularly in devotion ending suffering for MS*) is a team of church members, families and friends who have come together in past years to take the challenge.

Last year our team was small in numbers but we were determined to make a difference. We were five – two walkers, one motorcycle escort, and two volunteers. Hollis Colie and Joyce Eanes were the walkers. The morning of the walk we were excited and ready to start our journey. The weather was unseasonably warm and temperatures went into the nineties by the afternoon. Our feet were burning near the end of the first day and those hills were getting harder and harder to climb. Our hike the first day was quite tough.

The Candle light ceremony took place on Saturday evening, and last

year was different than the prior year. People spoke about how MS touched their lives. Then the teams and individuals lit their candles in honor of their personal fight. The first candles were lit beginning with individuals who have MS, then family members, and lastly friends. It was extremely moving to see the love each and every person has towards those fighting MS. Every dollar raised will get us closer and closer to a cure for MS.

Day two was much cooler with a few rain drops (Thanks be to God!) but our feet were rather tender. We heard many walkers saying that their feet were hurting from the blisters received from the first day. It appeared that many of the walkers had blisters in the same places. It was quite amusing as we walked tenderly, crossed the finish line, and were greeted by loved ones and supporters.

We are excited about taking the Challenge in 2011. Our informational meeting took place on April 10, and we talked about ways to fundraise and rally for this important cause. We will have our first fundraiser on June 9, 2011, at Jimmy's Olde Town Tavern in Herndon, Virginia so please Save the Date. More information will follow.

If you missed the meeting and would like to get information about the walk and find out about the volunteer positions, please contact Chris Brock at Christopher.brock2@verizon.net or 703.437.3968, or Hollis Colie at hollis211@aol.com or 703.499.7936. Remember, you

don't have to walk to volunteer and help. Being part of the team in any role -- whether volunteering, crew teaming, or walking -- is an opportunity for great personal achievement, and it is also an achievement you will share with everyone else who accepts the Challenge.

African Team Ministries
Crafts & Jewelry Sale May 1
and May 8.

Just in time for Mother's Day, the Service Ministry will be selling the great crafts and beautiful jewelry that have been so popular in the past.

Profits go directly to the African Team Ministries to support orphan and refugee relief missions and evangelism in East Africa. The support we receive is sent directly to our partnering Bishops to provide school fees, tuition, books, and uniforms. This support ensures that the children receive an education and a measure of stability needed to rebuild their minds. Stop by Henry Hall after all services and purchase a little something (or two!) for yourself, Mom, graduate, or as the perfect gift for that special someone. What better way to celebrate your loved ones by giving a gift that gives back?



Brought to you by the **Saint Timothy's Service Ministry ... putting your faith to work!**

VBS 2011

Join us from June 11-14 for this year's Vacation Bible School, "Shake it Up Café!" Children 2 1/2 (potty-trained) up to rising 6 graders are welcome. The cost will be \$35 per child, or \$70 per family. Sign-up will begin on-line and at church on Sunday, April 17.

WSW Family Fun Fest

Join your community and local vendors on Saturday, May 7 from 1-5 p.m. at the WSW (Women Supporting Women) Family Fun Fest. Held on the St. Tim's grounds, the event will feature raffles, music, shopping, a petting zoo, face painting, and more. All proceeds benefit Artemis house, Fairfax County Shelter for Victim's of Domestic Violence. Please come and lend your support to this worthy cause!



Book and Supplies Drive

Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic (JSFC) and Vecinos Unidos, of the non-profit partnership Connections for Hope, are seeking donations of new or gently used children's book. Please consider giving to these two worthy organizations. JSFC provides books for children seeking medical services at the clinic. Your help is appreciated. JSFC also requests your help in collecting the

following supplies: pill sorters (strip of day by day compartments), 500 mg Tylenol Extra Strength, wide ace bandages, narrow ace bandages, toothpaste and toothbrushes. To learn more about these organizations visit www.connectionsforhope.org or call 703.956.6722.

Food Table Ministry

On a regular basis, we offer members of the community a hot lunch here in our kitchen. For this purpose, we have several cupboards that are filled with selections that can be made in the microwave in single serving sizes. Mac & Cheese, soup, snack crackers, applesauce, baby food, water, juice boxes...anything that you think would make a good and filling meal. Please bring whatever you can to share with these members of our community. If you have any questions or can sit for two hours some day to assist these folks, please contact the office, keith@saint-timothys.org, or Katie Mazza.

Helpful Links

www.awidercircle.org,

www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp

www.jsfreeclinic.org

www.restoninterfaith.org

www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83

: <http://leaderresources.org/j2a>

<http://www.stephenministries.org/>

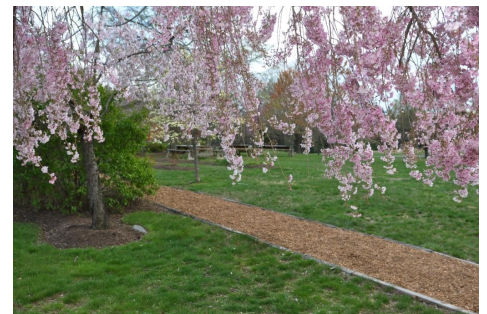
The Lord God Planted a Garden

*THE Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world,
And He set there an angel warden
In a garment of light enfurled.*

*So near to the peace of Heaven,
That the hawk might nest with the
wren,
For there in the cool of the even
God walked with the first of men.*

*And I dream that these garden
closes
With their shade and their sun-
flecked sod
And their lilies and bowers of
roses,
Were laid by the hand of God.*

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth, –
One is nearer God's heart in a
garden
Than anywhere else on earth.
-Dorothy Frances Gurney*



Did You Know?

A pipe organ is actually the most cost-effective and prudent financial decision, compared to used or digital organs?

The Gifts to Glorify the Lord Committee will be holding events in May to provide information about our Campaign to fund the purchase of our new organ, modifications to our building and funding of a reserve fund. An eight-page brochure will also be mailed to your home in early May. The brochure details the projects and shows how you can be a part of it. We hope you will take an opportunity to attend these events and become part of something big.

Sunday May 8th during the 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am services: Presentation by Jeffrey Knauer of Kirby-Shaw Associates, Consultant to Gifts to Glorify the Lord. Special concert provided in Henry Hall after the 11:00am service by Violinists Monika and Mark Dorosheff.

Sunday May 1st, 8th, and 15th after the 8 am, 9:30 am and 11 am services: Information and Q&A sessions in the Sanctuary after each service with Randy Karn and Jim Hendrick, Co-Chairs of Gifts to Glorify the Lord, Brad Rundlett, Rector, and Peter Waggoner, Director of Music.

Sunday May 22nd during the 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am services: Celebration Sunday for Gifts to Glorify the Lord with ingathering of commitment cards. Special Music will again be provided in Henry Hall after the 11am service by Violinists Monika and Mark Dorosheff. A special reception will be held after each service to thank the congregation for their support of the capital campaign. A late afternoon concert by Voce will complete our Gifts to Glorify the Lord Celebration Sunday.

	Base Cost	Other Costs*	Total Cost	Life Expectancy	Maintenance per Year	Cost/Year
Used Pipe Organ	\$25k	\$100k	\$125k	20-50 yr.	unknown	\$2,500
	\$100k	\$300k	\$400k			\$8,000
Digital	\$80k	\$25k	\$105k	10-20 yr.	\$1,000	\$6,250
	\$250k	\$100k	\$350k			\$18,500
Pipe Organ 15 ranks	\$300k	0	\$300k	100+ yr.	\$1,000	\$4,000
	\$500k	0	\$500k	100+ yr.	\$1,000	\$6,000

*Used organ other costs include moving, reassembling, and installing the organ in our space. Digital organ other costs include custom construction of a facade to house the speakers.

Harnessing God's Light to Protect God's Creation

The cost to build utility-scale solar projects will be \$1.45 per watt by 2020, half the current price, according to estimates from Bloomberg New Energy Finance. The price of solar power is already close to grid parity with coal-generated energy, Bloomberg reports, and is likely to continue to drop as improved technology, cheaper panels, and more efficient manufacturing processes make utility-scale solar power an affordable option in more areas around the world. In addition, public perception of solar as an expensive energy source will fall concurrently with

the cost of residential and small commercial PV, leading to a boom in smaller installations, industry experts predict. What does this mean for all of us Stewards of Creation? Well, the decision to add solar as a renewable energy source for your home or for any of your future home improvement plans might have just gotten a bit easier on the wallet. All good things. (A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

Troop 159's Trip to Antietam

In April, Troop 159 went on a camp-out and did a 10 mile hike on Antietam Battlefield. The battle of Antietam was fought on September 17, 1862 during the Civil War in which the southern states of America wanted to secede from the Union. They were fighting over slavery and states' rights.

Over the two-day hike, our terrific guide Mr. Jim Anderson told us about important people in the battle like General Robert E. Lee and General George B. McClellan. He also read diary entries of soldiers who fought in the battle, some were as young as 13.

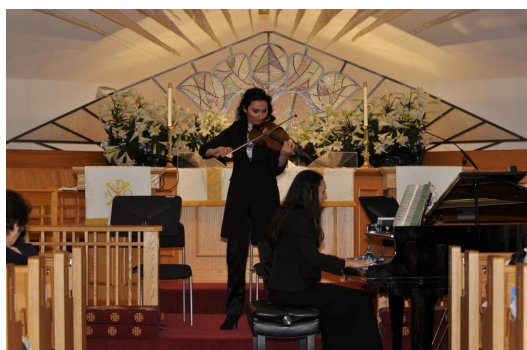
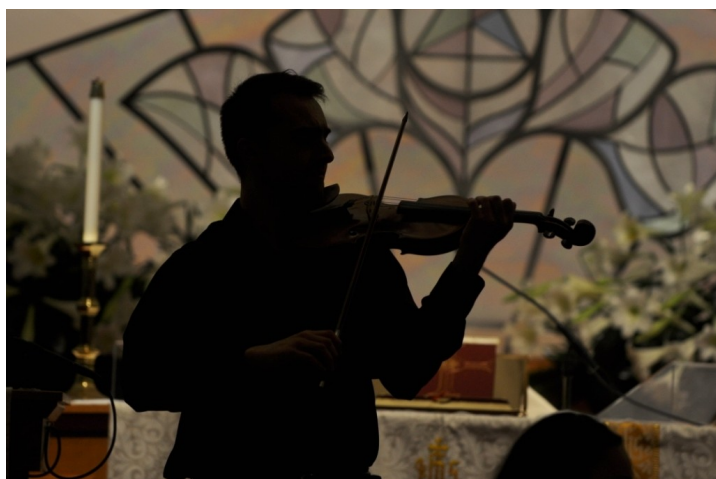
Of the 600,000 people that died in the Civil War, over 22,700 men were injured at Antietam; 13000 were wounded, 2000 were captured or missing, and about 7700 were killed. Some are still in the ground today.

Troop 159 had a great trip and would like to thank St. Timothy's Church for all of their support.

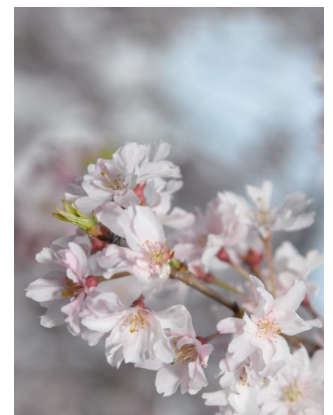
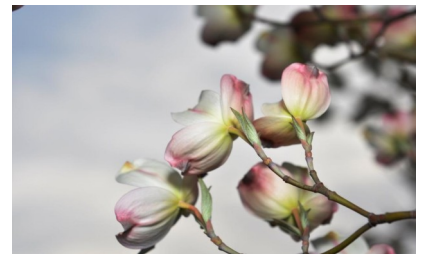
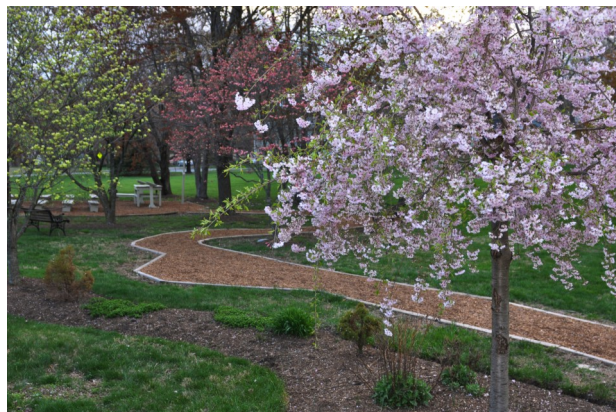
Images from the Chamber Music Benefit Recital



"Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets."
1 Chronicles 13:8 (NKJV)



Holy Week and Springtime Beauty at St. Tim's



As the garden causes the things that are sown to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.

-Isaiah 61:11

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Sundays

8:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m.- Holy Eucharist,
Rite II

Children's Chapel

Godly Play, ages 3-9

(Nursery Care Available)

11:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist,
Rite II

Sunday School

Godly Play, ages 3-9

(Nursery Care Available)

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.- Holy Eucharist And
Healing Service

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. –5:00 a.m.

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The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:

Friday, May 13, 2011

Questions, articles, or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put 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.

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Our Mission:

As people of God, we joyfully worship God, spread the WORD of God's love, treasure all people, and serve others everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, with God's help, We:

*Open our doors to everyone,
 open our hearts in worship,
 open our eyes to the Spirit's gifts and
 open our arms to embrace God's work.*