

From the Rector: The Church Needs You

St. Timothy's is an extraordinary Church, and you are wonderful people. When I think about all the things you do to help other people and preserve the earth, I am astonished! Your financial gifts and pledges, your time and skill, your faith and prayers give people hope. You inspire me.

And St. Timothy's is growing. If you attend our 8:00 am or 9:30 am Sunday services you will see more people, people who are new to St. Timothy's. We added two services in Spanish—a prayer service at 7:00 pm on Saturday, and a Holy Eucharist at 4:00 pm on Sunday. But, our 11:00 am Sunday service is shrinking. So, our membership is increasing but our attendance is decreasing. People come less often to worship.

I am not pointing this out to make any of you feel negligent or deficient. I know that Sunday is the only day of rest many of you have. There are chores to do; there is personal

business to accomplish. There are schedules and commitments of other people that affect you. And Church is the one thing you don't have to do. However it could be the most important hour in your entire week.

I believe we need that one hour in Church to help us keep our beliefs and values, to help us balance the stress, to mend the wounded places within us for which there is no medicine, to feed our souls, and to remind us of our planetary neighbors who face threats we can't imagine.

Church is unlike any other gathering of people. And what we do in Church is unlike what we do any other place. We listen to the Bible, we pray, we sing hymns; we renew our faith. Every week we have a family reunion, and we feed our souls on the Word of God, the Body and Blood of God; the peace of the Lord.

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My Cup Runneth Over

by the Rev. Liz Tomlinson

There are certain events and experiences in life that are etched in stone forever in our memory banks. For me, last Saturday afternoon, February 22, was just such a time. The people were consenting and apparently God was willing, because I was presented to the Right Reverend Susan E. Goff for ordination to the transitional diaconate by my son, LCDR Warren Tomlinson, The Rev. Brad Rundlett, The Rev. Leslie Chadwick, The Rev. Donna Foughty and The Rev. Ed Miller right here at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon. It was by far the most beautiful day we'd had all

winter ... bright sunshine and balmy 60° breezes. If it had been special ordered, it could not have been a more glorious winter day miraculously sandwiched in between two snowstorms. The sanctuary was filled with supporting clergy, with fellow seminarians and professors from Virginia Theological Seminary, and with people walking this journey with me whose time in my life ranged from my older sister who has been walking with me since I was born to the new relationships that have come to me among the parishioners at St. Timothy's.

As the service began to unfold, I was

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As of March 31
2014

	Balance	Goal
Pipe Organ	\$317,750	\$475,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 64,953	\$100,000

Notes from Filippa

I want to extend a huge “thank you” for the wonderfully gracious welcome that I have received in my first month at St. Timothy’s as Director of Music. While it has been a month full of exciting preparations for Holy Week and first rehearsals, I appreciate everyone who has stopped by to introduce themselves and make me feel welcome. I’d also like to thank the dedicated members of the choir and handbell choir who dove right into preparations for several meaningful services during April. Holy Week is always a meaningful time in the church year, as we remember the events of Jesus’ last days on earth. Making the journey with such dedicated musicians is a joy.

Exciting plans are in the works for the remainder of the program year! The Youth Choir will begin meeting on Tuesday evenings in preparation for Youth Sunday. All Youth (grades 6th and above) are invited.

After a week’s break, the choir will begin rehearsals for the remainder of the choir year, which will end on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. The group rehearses from 7:00-8:30 pm and sings at the 9:30 service. This is a wonderful time to “dive-in” to a new ministry. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me (filippad@saint-timothys.org) for more information. You are welcome here! +

May Agape to Build a Sustainable Haiti

During the next three weeks the Service Ministry and Haiti Mission Team will continue to conduct the annual Agape Campaign, with a goal of raising \$20,000 to build sustainability at our school in Chapoteau in rural Haiti. Donations will be collected in the light purple envelopes found in the pews, in Henry Hall, and in the Narthex.

As the Mission Team learned in November, many aid organizations like USAID and Partners in Health are scaling back or pulling out of the region. The school is no longer receiving shipments of rice, which means the children aren’t getting regular meals. Villagers are losing jobs, making it harder for them to pay for school. The hard work of transitioning from emergency relief in the wake of the earthquake to building systems for self-sufficiency is beginning.

But there is good news: the Team met with a network of people on the ground in the Cange region, near Chapoteau, who can assist us with building up our school. Young engineers from Clemson University have already installed a water system that brings clean, filtered water to St. Mathieu’s! The team has held Skype sessions regularly with an American with the Episcopal Church who is in Cange full time to oversee economic development. Students at the technical school in Cange, CFFL, have conducted an assessment of our school’s infrastructure and are able to assist with building projects—this gives the students valuable work experience and reduces project expenses. And the local agriculture school, known as ZA, has consulted on establishing gardens at the school to supplement food needs. The gardens will also be

a means of teaching students how to grow cash crops that can be sold at market, raising the economic potential for the entire village.

St. Timothy’s has grown its relationship with the children of Chapoteau every year since beginning our ministry in the poorest country of the Western hemisphere in 2010. We now support 25 primary students and one college student. The building projects we undertake at the school will reach even farther, affecting every child at the school as well as the community. The ultimate goal of our assistance is to have a long-term, lasting impact on the lives of those who have so much less than we do. These projects are seeds (in the case of the gardens, literally!) whose ultimate harvest will impact many lives.

The Agape will culminate in a visit from Pere Milor, the Priest-in-Charge in Cange, on May 17-18. Pere Milor oversees 18 parishes in the Cange region, including St. Mathieu’s school. On Saturday, May 17, from 4:30 - 6 pm we will host a wine and cheese welcome reception in Henry Hall for Pere Milor.

Pere Milor gave up his own bedroom for Mission Team members when we visited in November. We hope to reciprocate his exceptional generosity to us with a warm welcome to St. Timothy’s. Please join us, and RSVP to Genevieve Zetlan at gzetlan@gmail.com or [via the evite here](#).

Of course, if you wish to contribute to the education of a child (the cost for one year is \$400) or contribute towards our college student, please write your check and put “Haiti School” on the memo line. +

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The truth is we need Church! We need the comforts and challenges. We need the reunion with family and friends. We need forgiveness, mercy, love, and grace. We need our faith restored. And when you miss Church, we miss you. We miss your recitation of the Creed. We miss your voice in the hymns. We miss your prayers.

It's so easy to let Church fall into last place in our every-growing list of duties and priorities. It's so easy to feed on the comforts and luxuries of the high standard of living in Northern Virginia. It's so easy to ignore, to starve our souls. We don't usually feel it, until damage is done.

My dear friends, my sisters and brothers in Christ, you need the Church and the Church needs you. +

Tidying God's House

Several years ago, one of our faithful members, Thelma Hubert, would regularly "tidy up" the pews after Sunday services, removing trash, re-stocking donation envelopes, welcome cards, and sharp pencils, and organizing hymnals and prayer books. Thelma had to give up this service, and since then, pew tidying has been haphazard at best.

So, are you a little obsessive compulsive? Do you enjoy bringing order to chaos? Is it important to you that newcomers and members alike have a clean, orderly pew with everything they need? And do you have a few minutes to spare once a month?

Genevieve Zetlan is organizing a team of people to share these duties. If you think this small task is for you, please contact her at gzetlan@gmail.com or 703-456-7340. +

Clergy Alumni News

The Rev. Kim Seidman, former Seminarian at St. Timothy's, is now the vicar of Holy Comfort Episcopal Church in Broomfield, CO. She and her husband Raj Chitikila have a five-month old baby boy. www.holycomforterchurch.net/

The Very Rev. Allen Pruitt, former Seminarian at St. Timothy's, is now the rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in LaGrange and is married to Casey Pruitt. They have two daughters, Abby Grace and Ila. www.stmarkslg.org/about/clergy/the-reverend-r-allen-pruitt-rector/

The Rev. Kedron Jarvis Nicholson, former Associate Priest at St. Timothy's, has recently accepted the call to be rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Orange Park, just outside Jacksonville. She will move there with her husband James Nicholson and their 9 and 1/2 month old twins in early July. www.graceepiscopalop.org/ +



Top: Allen Pruitt and family

Right: Kim Seidman and family

Far Right: Kedron Jarvis Nicholson and family



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struck by the amount of work that had been poured into this experience by so many loving and energetic and dedicated people. The altar guild had bathed the sanctuary in red and everything had been made ready. That the service flowed flawlessly was no accident. Hundreds of manhours had been devoted to this one service. Meticulous attention to detail meant that the tiniest aspect of this service was intentional and planned. The behind-the-scenes orchestrator of this magnificent service was none other than St. Timothy's own Jane Perry. A verger extraordinaire, a thoughtful liturgist and a masterful diplomat, Jane made sure that all was as it should be. And Brad and Leslie had multiple consultations with the Diocese to keep the logistics and delegation of duties straight. Before and during the service, Jane was ably assisted by Cindi Bartol, an ordination consultant from the Diocese, and by St. Timothy's own vergers, Cheryl Brock and Michael Cook. The invitations were printed by David Coyle and St. Timothy's administrator Kevin Hamilton made sure they were all addressed and stamped and mailed. Kevin also made sure that the bulletin was laid out and printed perfectly. During and after the service, Craig Dubishar made a photographic record and Sean Brady not only video taped the service, but sent it out as a live stream on the internet so that my family in London, friends in Spain and France and my family in California, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Florida could watch it in real time. Dr. Kimberly Hess made the organ 'sing' as if it were brand new and the choir

provided what could only be heard as the most heavenly music carrying us all right up to God's ear. Shirley Ratliff was the cantor who sang the litany. Knowing that I would be kneeling for the entire litany, I asked her to 'sing fast.' When the time came, however, her voice was like the voice of an angel and I knew that I could have knelt there all evening listening to her. Brad delivered a very thoughtful and well-crafted sermon about the 'odd' twists and turns in life that have been orchestrated by God and which continue to surprise and often gratify us. My ordination to the Transitional Diaconate seemed to me to be one of those odd twists in life that I never thought would actually happen. But here it was!!!

After the service was over, Beth Lumnitzer and her crew presided over a sumptuous reception in Henry Hall that provided everyone with the most delicious dinner and opportunity for fellowship. The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, my presenting parish, provided the yummy deserts. And Henry Hall looked beautiful! Everything detail was wonderful, however, the piece de resistance was my official serenade and induction into the 'Hallelujah Honeys.' That was an unexpected crowning moment that seemed just the perfect touch to end such a joy-filled occasion. And I am aware that there were multiple other people, the unsung heroes known only to God, whose labors contributed to the magnificence of this service for which I am eternally grateful.

The unique mixture of those who had gathered and the love and the faith and



the commitment of the people of the congregation at St. Timothy's made it possible for the sanctuary and all the surrounding spaces to be so filled with the Holy Spirit on that afternoon that it was palpable. From beginning to end, the service was joy-filled. The love in that service was the love of God and was incredibly powerful. I can only hope that everyone there felt it as much as I did. It was extraordinary and soul stirring. As overwhelming as it was, however, I know that it was only a tiny fraction of the love that awaits us from God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I feel so blessed to have been lifted up by this congregation. The simple words 'thank you' are woefully inadequate to express the overwhelming sense of gratitude that I feel for all of those who made this indelible moment in my life possible and all of those who were present to witness this pivotal moment in my life. You have taught me well and loved me far more than I deserve and I am indebted to each of you.

With enormous respect, an overflowing heart and much love,

Liz Tomlinson +

The Watcher

by Jill Cox

On Palm Sunday, Reverend Leslie included a story about a friend of St. Tim's who is blind, in ill-health, and virtually house-bound. Like many of you, I will keep her and all others confined to their homes through illness or old age, in my prayers each day. I wrote this modest rhyme on a grey day when my family was away and it made me realize how lonely my own mother must have been. I never really understood it before.

Enclosed the solitary observers sees
The outer thin limbs of tall green trees
Framed in square panes of opaque glass
While while clouds in blue sky gently pass.

The dark foliage, blown by unfelt breeze,
Seems to scratch and tickle the clouds and tease
The birds to alight and roos on fragile boughs
While being watched for long, lonely hours.

Although unseen beyond the wooden frame,
There are houses and people without a name,
Recognized only by shape and movement
And voices - shrill, happy, angry and content.

A car engine, a dog's bark, a command
For order, give a signal for a demand
That all shall be ready for the outing
And children laugh and start shouting;

"Hooray!" We're off on our vacation!"
Though it is doubtful that the location
Of this respite from routine and labor
Is know to children or their neighbor.

But silently, the watcher sighs a prayer
For their joy and time without fret or care
And once more contemplates the clouds and sky
While branches tremble and the birds fly by. +

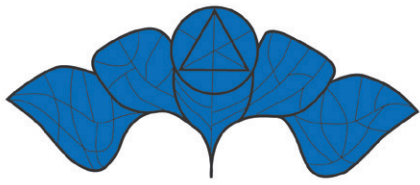
Q: I've heard of something called "Mothering Sunday"—how is that related to Mother's Day?

A. The short answer is: It's not. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908. Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. It became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. Mother's Day most commonly falls on the second Sunday in May and is a secular holiday.

The similarly named early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday" was once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe. This celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

Eventually two celebrations were mixed, and now many people consider them the same thing. In the U.K. today Mothering Sunday (during Lent) is celebrated in the same way as the secular holiday of Mother's Day is celebrated elsewhere—by honoring mothers with flowers and gifts. And in the U.S., Mother's Day is typically the Sunday with the third highest attendance during the calendar year.

Submit your questions to the Question Box on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops. Sources: wikipedia and history.com



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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.

Welcome, New Registered Members

The following members were Baptized, Confirmed, Received, or Transferred to St. Timothy's during the past month:

Bishop Eames Hall

Anthony Josué Portillo López

Wendy Al-led Munillo Márquez

Katherine Gisselle Abrego Portillo

Maryeli Abrego Portillo

We have *many* active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years who are not registered members. Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's. Non-registered members can participate in all aspects of church worship except serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions (thus giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters). To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or 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 & 11 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Godly Play, ages 3-8

SPARK+, 3-6th grades

Nursery Care

9:45 am

Journey to Adulthood

Rite 13, 7-12th grades

4:00 pm

Misa en Espanol

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and

Healing Service

Saturday

7:00 P.M.

Oracion y Alabanza