

## Letter from the Rector: It's Time to Retire

My dear friends,

As many of you know, I've been battling Parkinson's for six years, and although the doctors say no one would know to look at me, it doesn't get any easier. It is time for me to retire. Sunday August 9th will be my last day. I can say with absolute candor and honesty that I believe I've done what God wanted me to do here. St. Timothy's now needs someone with different gifts and skills. There is no limit to what you and Miss Holy Spirit can do. I see miracles every day, right here in this building, in our preschool, in the meetings that occur every day and night, in Dungannon, in Pine Ridge, and in Haiti. People are alive because you feed them. People have hope because you don't give up. People are changed because you believe in a better world for everyone.

When I think about growing up in the Episcopal Church, I realize that I mark my journey by the changes that have occurred along the way. When I was very young, gender rolls were well defined – men did “man” things and women did “woman” things. All of the men said this was ordained by God (who happened to be male). There were also brown churches for brown people and churches for people who wanted to be brown and kept baking themselves in the sun. (When that wore off we used spray on tan that we called “fake and bake.”)

Sunday morning's were different too; we had Holy Communion one Sunday per month. Hugging was forbidden; we could pass the offering plate but not the

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## Transition Plans: An Open Letter

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I know that many of you, like me, are saddened at Brad's announcement of his retirement in August, especially coming so soon after our Associate Rector Leslie's departure. It is clearly a time of great change at St. Timothy's.

God's grace has abounded as your Vestry and Wardens have worked quickly and closely with the Diocese to put together a plan for moving forward. The Rev. Mark Michael, a talented and experienced priest who

currently serves as Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Cooperstown, New York, is looking to relocate to our area this summer (due to his wife's enrollment in a Ph.D. program here). Fr. Mark has accepted our offer to serve as our interim priest beginning on July 15. He will have several weeks working closely with both Brad and members of St. Timothy's staff to ensure a smooth transition before Brad's departure. Fr. Mark comes very highly recommended by his own diocese and by the Bishop of New

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Services June 7 - September 6: 8 and 10 am

# Our Mission Together

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by **Kevin Hamilton**  
**Parish Administrator**

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“Is my partner in crime already here?” Matt asks as he rounds the corner into the church office. Barbara, already seated at the computer, answers “I’m here.” If the names Matt and Barbara sound like a familiar pairing, it probably means you read the bulletin cover to cover each week.

Once a month you will see Matt Maginniss and Barbara Bruno listed as counters, members of the C.O.S.T. Ministry (Counters Of Saint Timothy’s). C.O.S.T. volunteers say Yes! to the St. Tim’s mission by counting and entering data into the system for donations to the church.

Amidst the talk of donation codes and deposit slips, you will hear the conversation of two long time friends. “Can you look up this donation code and oh yeah, how did your daughter’s graduation go?” is followed up with “Sure, let me get the code and graduation went great; how was the trip your family took last month?” I always look forward to Matt and Barbara dropping by the office to serve in their ministry because their friendly banter is the comic relief that only comes from years of serving together, fourteen years to be exact!

Fourteen years ago Matt and Barb weren’t signing up for a friendship. They weren’t volunteering to help count donations in hopes of sharing the highlights of family trips

or to pray for one another during the challenging times of life. They were not making a conscious choice to begin a bond of friendship that comes with serving God together. No, they simply saw a need and said Yes to the mission of St. Tim’s in a way that best suited their gifts and talents. Here they are, fourteen years later, still serving as friends.

What about you? Maybe you’ve been thinking a lot about the mission of St Tim’s and how you can say Yes! The beautiful mystery about serving on mission together is that God’s Spirit does some pretty amazing things, like cultivate friendships that can last a life time. I could point out where this has happened time and time again here at St Tim’s. I hear story after story about lasting friendships, forged by serving together in a ministry. One only has to walk the halls on any given day to see this in action. It is no wonder you will hear people often use the word family when talking about their fellow Saint Timothy’s parishioners.

Is there a ministry that you want to serve on but are not sure where to begin? Feel free to reach out to the ministry lead or Vestry Liaison. Don’t know who that person is? Email the Parish Administrator at [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org) and your email will be forwarded to the lead. Or maybe you have no idea which ministry is the best fit for you. Feel free to email Nikki O’Malley at [nikki.omalley@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com) and someone will help you find a ministry! +

## Summer Backpack Collection

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by **Holly Hartge**  
**Service Ministry Chair**

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The Service Ministry plans to collect backpacks for Cornerstones again this summer. Details will not be available until the middle of June; however, the program is much the same as in previous years.

Cornerstones spokesperson said there is a greater need for large, dark backpacks (black, navy blue) for high school students.

Service Ministry will deliver

backpacks to Cornerstones after August 10. This good news since the annual ‘no-tax weekend’ in Virginia is the weekend before!

There will also be an opportunity to order backpacks for Cornerstones directly from Amazon – details to follow.

Thank you for making the first day of school special by providing backpacks for students in the area. A bin will be in Henry Hall for the collection. +

## Lenten Outreach Thank You

To celebrate “Creativity in Aging” program at the Herndon Senior Center the Service Ministry made this the Lenten Outreach this year. Recently art supplies and a monetary donation were delivered to the Senior Center. There was much applause from the clients. Thank you St. Timothy for ‘putting our faith to work!’ +

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Peace. Sermons were supposed to be boring because Episcopalians were not allowed to get excited in Church. “Decent and in order” was our motto and way of life, and that’s the way it was. People who went overboard never came back.

I was on my way to seminary when The Book of Common Prayer was radically revised, a lot of old favorite hymns disappeared and many of my classmates in seminary were women, which was appropriate because in the Bible every mention of the Holy Spirit (whom we used to call the Holy Ghost) is feminine or neuter, but never masculine.

Then the LGBT wars began. We argued for more than thirty years and it finally dawned on us that Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered human beings are human beings too, and, like the rest of us, also created in the image of God. It occurred to us that membership begins with Baptism, not Confirmation. We learned some new hymns. We now pass the Peace and have a hard time getting the hugging to stop. We continue experimenting with contemporary worship but keep going back to the ancient ways because we really don’t have to reinvent worship – our Baptism covenant reminds us who we are and what we are called to do.

From time to time we get a time out—we get to coast. But there’s almost always another challenge right around the corner. Ponder this when you’re washing down your second

Starbucks and there’s enough zoom in you to send you to the moon: Spanish will soon be the predominant language in this nation - Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos y todo el mundo – there will be fewer and fewer wars, the poorest people on this planet will develop the most earth-friendly solutions to hunger and thirst, thousands of the churches in this country will die, more women will gain leadership positions, human beings will live 150 years, there will be an explosive increase in medical miracles, and the churches that do survive will include people of other faiths who share a passion to end poverty, who have discovered the great value of diversity, and who believe every child is beautiful and deserves to be loved. Women will eventually have access to all the jobs men have and earn as much as men earn. That will change everything.

There are huge shifts occurring right here. Leslie’s chair and office are empty. She is one of the finest priests I have ever known and she left for all the right reasons, but facing the truth that things change is painful.

For twenty-one years and eight months I have been the most blessed person in the universe. I don’t know what comes next for you or for me, but God’s not done and I can assure you that everything is going to be fine—just fine. Serving you, serving with you, has been the greatest privilege and honor of my life. Thank you God. Thank you, dear people of God.

With love and gratitude, Fr. Brad +

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York, as well as by Reverend Thorpe, who identified in him the gifts and graces necessary for this very unique situation. Fr. Mark’s availability and desire to help us preserve and grow the love and community at St. Timothy’s during this transitional time is a true gift.

Fr. Mark will serve us until we can complete the search process and call a new, permanent Rector to St. Timothy’s. We expect this process to take 18 to 24 months. With the help of the Diocese, we will be inviting all parish-

ioners to participate in the discernment process for moving forward.

Fr. Brad has been a devoted servant leader to our parish and champion of spreading the love of God through help to the poorest and the least in our community and the world. If you would like to honor Fr. Brad with a gift, contributions can be made to the St. Timothy’s Rector Retirement fund.

Saying goodbye to our beloved parish priest will be difficult. However, for nearly 150 years St. Timothy’s

has been a welcoming and faithful community dedicated to joyful worship, boundless love, and grateful service. With your continued dedication, and with God’s help and blessing, we will continue this tradition as we embrace the challenges ahead.

As always, I and all of your Vestry representatives are available to you if you have questions or concerns.

Faithfully yours,  
Keith Sinclair, Sr. Warden +

## The Closet Is Open for Shopping

(and crowd-free)

Every Thursday Night!

June, July, and August

5 pm – 8 pm

Where is The Closet?

845 Station St., Herndon VA



*Volunteers from any congregation needed  
3-5 and 5- on Thursdays*

Sign up at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/JQRCJ>



The Closet is a nonprofit thrift shop, founded in 1974 by a handful of churches to assist low-income families by selling used clothing at nominal price. In 2014, The Closet gave away more than \$68,000 worth of clothing and necessities to over 1500 needy persons referred by an authorized social service agency or one of our member congregations, as well as donating more than \$49,750 in profits to local organizations and providing scholarships to local students.

## Vestry Update

April Giving: \$54,473

Monthly Budget: \$58,250

YTD Budget Deficit: \$11,515

New monthly giving need (May-Dec): \$59,689

At the April 27 Vestry meeting the Vestry accepted Associate Rector Leslie Chadwick's presented proposal to move to a summer schedule of two services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., beginning June 7, 2015 and ending September 6, 2015, and to offer the prayers in English and Spanish and the second lesson in Spanish at the 10:00 a.m. service when a senior verger can arrange to have them read by a native Spanish speaker. The Vestry also approved a request from Communications Liaison Brian Fluche to proceed with putting together a proposal for receiving advertising revenue from church publications like The Word.

The next vestry meeting is June 1 at 7:30 p.m. Please discuss any questions with a Vestry member. +

## Spring Scouting Night

by Jessica Robles

Pack 146 Committee Chair

Pack 156 would like to invite all boys and girls to our Spring Join Scouting Night. This even will be held in Hutchison Elementary's Cafeteria from 7 to 8 pm on Wednesday June 17th. Cub Scout Pack 156 will be hosting jointly with the Girl Scouts, so bring out all the kids and see if our programs and people are a good fit for you and your family. Any child currently finishing up Kindergarten through those finishing up 4th grade are eligible to join as soon as the school year ends. We are planning to have the Pinewood Derby and Raingutter Regatta tracks set up, and maybe even a tent to set up! Contact [herndonpack156@gmail.com](mailto:herndonpack156@gmail.com) with any questions. Se habla Español. +



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### Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, June 26, 2015

Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to [wordeditor@saint-timothys.org](mailto: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.

## Welcome, New Registered Member

*Emma Charlotte Rundlett*

*Lilly Arlene Brock*

*Jareth Steve Serrano Alvarenga*

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](mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com)) 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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## Service Times: Summer Schedule

**Sundays**

8:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

English-Espanol

Nursery Care

Godly Play, ages 3-8

**Wednesday**

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and  
Healing Service

**Saturday**

7:00 P.M.

Oracion y Alabanza