

From the Interim Rector: Fr. Mark Michael

He was put to death for our sins and raised for our justification. Rm. 4:25

He stares down at me every day as I work at my desk in the church office, the iron Christ fixed to a dark wood cross. The crucifix was a present from the preacher at my priestly ordination service, Canon Philip Ursell, the former warden of Ascot Priory. Ascot Priory was for many years the home of the Society of the Most Holy Trinity, the first religious community founded in the Church of England since the Reformation.

The crucifix, once upon a time, hung upon the door of the cell of one of the nuns. Fr. Philip said that the crucifix represented the prayers of the nuns over so many decades for faithful and devoted priests. In being ordained, I was inheriting a great trust, and should always work to serve Christ with all my heart.

I have hung the crucifix where I can easily see it, and as I make phone calls, write sermons, or counsel parishioners, my eyes often rest on it for a moment. It always asks me, “What have you done today to serve God as I have served him?” or “How have you tried to share the love that I died to bring into the world?” The crucifix reminds me that my ministry is not my own, but that it is a gift from God Himself, a way of continuing and applying the work that Christ accomplished on the Cross. My call and my strength come from the Cross. But for the death of Jesus, and His glorious resurrection, all my labors would be meaningless.

Of course, what is true for me is true for us all. The Church has wisely determined that every year we should turn again to the Cross, place it before our eyes to meditate on its message. In Holy Week we are confronted this year, as every year, with Christ crucified for our sins, the Holy One humbled for us and raised in glory, proclaimed as the victor.

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Rector Search Committee Kicks Off Search

On Sunday, February 7, 2016, Fr. Mark commissioned the members of the Rector Search Committee. The committee members, Shon Beury, Tom Davis, Catherine Lamoureux, William Odio and Melissa Randolph began their new roles by meeting with Rev. Mary Thorpe, Diocesan Office of Transition Ministry. In addition to guiding the committee, Rev. Thorpe serves as the interface between our bishops and St. Timothy's during the rector search. Rev. Thorpe presented an overview of the process and explained the roles of the committee, the vestry and the Diocese in identifying a candidate.

An initial task of the search committee requires answering three key questions about St. Timothy's. Those questions are: Who have we been? Who are we now? Where is God calling us? Over the next several weeks, the search committee will prepare answers to these questions. Additionally, the committee will write a prayer for the entire congregation to pray regularly. Thank you for the many prayers you have offered for the parish and the search committee as we begin the search process. Your continued prayers and support are welcome and encouraged.

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Holy Week Services, March 20-29, 2016

Holy Week is, in an important sense, the turning point of the entire Church year. As we reenact in vibrant and powerful liturgies the events of the last week of our Lord's life, we are reminded of the convictions at the very center of our Faith. God has come to the world in Christ to save us from our sins, to defeat the power of death, to share with us his unending love. And He has accomplished this most completely through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Palm/Passion Sunday (March 20) begins the week with a festive reenactment of Our Lord Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem in triumph. Our three services on this day, at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00, will all begin in Henry Hall with the reading of the Gospel of the Triumphal Entry and the blessing of the palms. We will then process through the halls into the Church for the second part of the service, the Liturgy of the Passion. This part of the service will include a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel. No Christian Education classes will be held this day.

Maundy Thursday (March 24) is the annual celebration of Jesus' Institution of the Holy Eucharist in the Upper Room with his disciples. This special service will include the washing of feet and the ceremonial Stripping of

the Altar, which reminds us of Christ's own humiliation before his death. The service will end with a silent watch in darkness before the Blessed Sacrament, as we remember Christ's Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The watch will be held in Henry Hall, or in the Courtyard if the weather is especially mild, and will have no set ending. Worshippers are encouraged to remain in prayer as long as they wish. The service begins at 7:30.

Good Friday (March 25) is the annual commemoration of Jesus' death on the Cross. We will celebrate the Stations of the Cross, which focuses on the last hours of Christ's life at 12:15 pm in the church. At 7:30 pm we will offer the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday. This service features the reading of the Passion Gospel, special prayers for Christ's whole church, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

Holy Saturday (March 26) is the time for remembering Jesus' rest in the tomb and descent among the dead. A short service of the Liturgy of the Word will be held at 9:00. Please dress casually and stay after to help prepare the church for the Easter Day celebration.

Easter Eve (March 26) we will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter in a

special bilingual service at 7:30. This liturgy symbolically reenacts Christ's defeat of death and rising from the tomb, and is rooted in the Church's most ancient traditions surrounding this holiest of feasts. Our service will begin in darkness at the Outdoor Chapel with the blessing of the new fire, and continues with a series of readings from the long history of God's redemption of his people in Henry Hall. We will move on to renew our Baptismal Vows, and the liturgy will close with a joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter.

The Easter Day Eucharist (March 27) is a joyous celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, and will feature special music and floral decorations. Again we will offer **three services, at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00**, and there will be no Christian Education classes.

Holy Week is also a traditional time for seeking reconciliation with God, as we recall his great work of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. Father Mark will be available in the Church for Confessions after both liturgies on Good Friday, and at other times by appointment.

Please set aside time for these special services and draw closer to our Lord this Holy Week. +

Vestry & Ministry Leaders Semi-Annual Meeting March 12

Ministry representatives and leaders of other groups are encouraged to attend the semi-annual Vestry and Ministry Leaders Meeting on Saturday, March 12 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. There will be a presentation by the Gifts to Florify the Lord Committee on the progress of the organ restoration and plans and timeline for its return. We will

also coordinate planning for the next six months for our ministries, hear an analysis of the effects of recent and future changes, and discuss other important items. If your ministry chair cannot attend, please send a representative from your ministry. Feel free to contact Jeanne Bennett for more details, at bennettj@sec.gov or 703-442-8542. +

Vestry Update

January Giving: **\$43,797**

Budgeted Giving: \$58,167

New Monthly Giving Needed for 2016

Budgeted Expenditures: \$59,473

During the February Vestry meeting the Vestry heard a presentation from the Gifts to Glorify the Lord committee regarding the return of the restored organ. Sanctuary modifications will likely be undertaken during the late summer after approval of specific material and construction choices by the Vestry. A contract amendment with the restoration company has been signed by the Wardens, with the new organ completion date being the end of 2016.

The Vestry heard from members of the congregation regarding compensation for the position of Music Director. The Vestry passed two motions to investigate further options, with input from Personnel and Finance ministries, for 1) retention of health care benefits and 2) re-examination of the scope and compensation for the position.

In an effort to reduce our financial accounting burden, the Vestry and Treasurer identified funds that have outlived their originally defined purpose and had no activity over the past year. The Vestry intends to close those funds at the meeting on March 30 and consolidate their balances into the endowment. Doing so ensures the donated funds are never spent. The six funds currently under consideration are: the Kneeler, Stained Glass, Landscape, Funeral, Stephen Ministry, and EFM Scholarship Funds. The Vestry passed a motion to award the preschool scholarship to Dariel Majano. The Vestry passed a motion to name Mike Colie and Jeanne Bennet representatives to Diocesan Council for 2017, and Dean Rohrbaugh as alternate. The Vestry also approved via email vote the description for the position of Bookkeeper, to be advertised this month. Complete DRAFT Vestry Minutes have been [posted online here](#). +

Lenten Outreach: Grades PK-6 Books

by **Holly Hartge**

Remember ‘curling up with a book’ and enjoying picture books? There are children in the greater Herndon area who do not have books at home to read. Clearview Elementary needs books for their students to take home and to read over the summer. Many families at Clearview work to provide food and shelter with little extra income for books for their children.

The Service Ministry wants to help these children and their families by collecting books for children preschool age through

6th grade - in English or Spanish.

Please look through your children’s books and select a few to donate to Clearview and other elementary schools in the area? Gently used and new books are welcome. No children’s books in your home? The Closet of Greater Herndon on Station Street in the Historic Downtown has many children’s books for as little as 25-cents each. A bin has been placed in Henry Hall to collect books.

Thank you for making a positive difference in a child’s life – and for putting our faith to work. +

Orkney Springs, VA Parish Weekend

by **Jill Cox**

Where on earth is that you may ask? Well, if you take the journey with us on the Parish Family Weekend April 29-May 1 you will have a great opportunity to find out as you enjoy the surroundings of a beautiful resort known by many people from the D.C. area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Most came for the ‘healing’ springs very much in the fashion in that age, perhaps following the tradition of their European ancestors who frequented places like Bath and Harrogate in England.

The healing powers of a “Sabbath” period in your life will be offered in these mountain and meadow surroundings with time to rest, read, play, chat, walk, knit or gently rock on a wide porch as well as join communal prayer. (Or we could follow a tradition from Olney in Buckinghamshire, England, where each Shrove Tuesday the women of the village make pancakes and with one firmly placed in a frying pan, run through the village suitably clad in head scarves and aprons, racing to reach the church first! Of course, if you drop your pancake you must pick it up before the chasing dogs get it—and I believe you must toss it at least once. On second thought, after considering the incline we are faced with at Shrine Mont, let’s just imagine it and look forward to the Hay Ride at the end of the weekend!) Our seminarian, Taylor Poindexter, will offer the program.

Booking forms are available in Henry Hall and further information can be obtained from Susy Nixon (senixon@verizon.net) or Jill Cox (jillcoxva@verizon.net). +

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The search committee will provide regular updates in The Word and the bulletins to keep the congregation informed. There is no specific schedule for pursuing the rector search. Finding the right fit in a rector for St. Timothy's is in God's time. The blessings of faith and perseverance will lead us to our new rector. +

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It's not, as the secular press sometimes suggests, that we Christians have a gory fascination with blood and pain. We remember the Cross because we need its lessons to guide us through all the challenges life brings, as our Palm Sunday collect says, "Almighty and everliving God... you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ... to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection."

The great truths of Holy Week are not just for our meditation, but for living out every week, which will be filled with times for sharing in Christ's humility, but also for being strengthened by the power of his undying life. May God bless you as you prepare to keep this holy week, and help you find it a time for remembering and renewal. +

Dinner with the Wardens, April 16

**by Robert Henry, Sr. Warden
& Genevieve Zetlan, Jr. Warden**

Got an opinion or a great idea about what St. Timothy's should be doing? Have questions that are easier to ask in an informal setting? Or just interested in having a nice dinner with relaxed conversation? The Wardens invite you to check your calendars and sign up for "Dinner with the Wardens."

The first dinner will be in March at Robert Henry's home with the members of the Rector Search Committee. The next one is scheduled for April 16th at 6:30 pm at Genevieve Zetlan's home in Herndon. Anyone in the congregation is invited with a guest. To sign up to attend, please email gzetlan@gmail.com.

Dinners will be held approximately once per month. We look forward to seeing you there! +

Search Process Progress

Vestry chooses a search committee

Search Committee is commissioned

Committee selects Chair, Vestry approves

Self-study with congregation input

Draft church profile

Profile approved by Vestry and Bishop

Candidate names received

Office of Transition Ministry vets candidates

Finalist candidate selected

Vestry votes on finalist

Call extended to finalist

Vestry negotiates letter of agreement

Candidate, senior warden and Bishop sign the letter of agreement

Spring Cleanup Mar. 19

With the snow behind us (hopefully!), thoughts may turn towards signs of spring; like the blooming of daffodils or the beginning of Baseball's Spring Training. For those on the Building and Grounds team, thoughts turn toward the Spring Clean Up, happening Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.! The B & G team will host this Spring Cleaning event and will provide all materials and tools (as well as water and snacks). Come help us beautify the church buildings and the surrounding grounds. All help is welcome!

Signup can be done at either Volunteer Spot (<http://vols.pt/Uwrw9K>) or by using the signup sheet in Henry Hall. You can also contact Sean Brady (bandg@saint-timothys.org) directly to volunteer time or offer an additional project you'd like to do. +

Diocesan Convention March 5; Region V Report to Diocese

by **Dianne Miller**
Region V President

The 221st annual council of the Diocese of Virginia was rescheduled from January to March 5, 2016 at Epiphany Episcopal Church here in Herndon. Jeanne Bennet will represent St. Timothy's at the council for 2016.

This past year Region V launched our "Region Life Committee", an initiative to discern and act upon our "shared mission and ministry". We identified a number of challenges in our community for which we wanted to offer a Christian response. The first issue addressed was Teen Sex Trafficking, as Fairfax County is reported to be the third most active area for this tragic activity in the U.S. Featuring community leaders and service organizations, law enforcement and others, Region V hosted a workshop to increase awareness and discuss positive actions we could take at Region and parish levels. We continued to seek opportunities to leverage the strengths and resources of our individual parishes to make an even greater impact in Northern Fairfax County. Highlights include:

Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Blessed with an extremely gifted and energetic Region Deacon, the Reverend Mary Beth Emerson, our youth ministry was very active again this year in Christian formation, opportunities to seek and serve Christ in others, fellowship and great fun! A highlight was the gathering of over 60 for the Region V Youth Service Event where they prepared a record number of infant care kits for the Alternative House's Assistance for Young Mothers program. Rev. Mary Beth continued to leverage the network she created among youth leaders in our Region's parishes, led our Youth Delegate nomination process and shepherded Youth Delegates at the Annual Diocesan Council.

Strengthening our Congregations – Region V meetings actively engaged our delegates and increased awareness of activities and opportunities in other Region parishes and in our broader community. External speakers and Diocesan representatives also sparked our imaginations

and helped us identify ways to strengthen our congregations and our shared ministry. Prompted by the indaba sessions, a compelling presentation by Ms. Ellyn Crawford of the Diocesan Committee on Race and Reconciliation, and the Region V president's participation on the advisory committee to the current Diocesan initiative, the Region Life Committee is considering an activity focused on racial reconciliation for 2016.

Evangelism and Proclamation – With relatively close proximity of our parishes, we sought creative ways to engage and serve God's people wherever they may be in our community. We continued to provide financial support to the ARISE Campus Ministry at George Mason University. Epiphany's 2nd annual Hypothermia Prevention Shelter brought volunteers and supplies from across Region V.

Multiculturalism and Ethnic Ministries – The small but committed Latino Ministry at St. Timothy's Herndon chose to fully integrate into the parish's other services. Mass continues to be celebrated in Spanish weekly at St. Timothy's and is open to all in the Region. We are blessed to also have St. Francis Korean congregation in our Region.

Mission Beyond Ourselves – A highlight is our annual youth mission trip to Dungannon. Over 60 youth from across the Region participated in this week-long service trip to one of the poorest areas in Virginia. Through strong collaboration among our parishes and youth leaders and financial support from the Region, this continues to be one of our flagship initiatives and a model of effective shared ministry. Most Region V parishes have active domestic and international mission programs which we highlight at Region Council as we seek opportunities to leverage each other's successes and collaborate.

In 2016, we will seek to expand participation in the Region Life Committee as we continue to address critical issues in our area. +



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Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, March 25, 2016

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.

Welcome, New Registered Members

Edwin Adalberto Serrano Flores
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Derik Elias Cruz Monge

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 diocesan matters).

If we don't have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to office@saint-timothys.org. 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

10:00 a.m.
Rite II service with Holy Communion
Godly Play,
ages 3-2nd grade
SPARK+, 3-5th grade
Christian Ed,
6-8th 9-12th grades
Nursery Care

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.
Eucharist and
Healing Service

Saturday

7:30 P.M.
Santa Eucharistia