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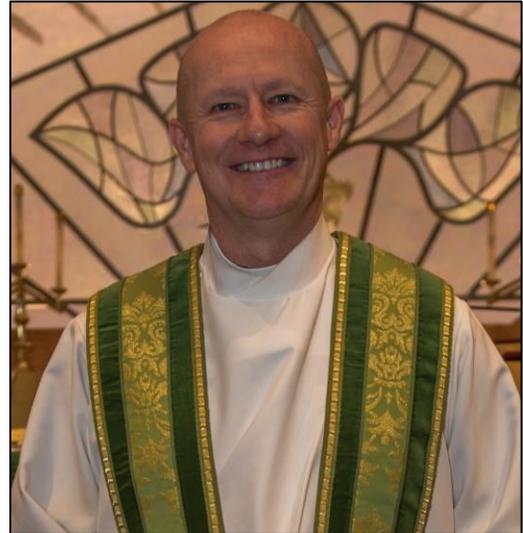
A Message from our Rector

Dear Friends,

In the name of the church I invite you to a Holy Lent. The observance of Lent is a uniquely Christian experience and has been practiced in the Christian community since the early days of the church. It is a season of spiritual practice, which prepares us to experience Easter Joy. Have you ever heard the phrase “You get out of something what you put into it”? We get out of Easter what we put into Lent. If we just show up on Easter Sunday, it won't be much more than a Super Sunday with lots of extra flowers and extra people. But, if we invest in preparation, Easter Rocks! There is much joy to be had. When we are intentional about walking the journey of Lent, and especially Holy Week, the significance of Easter becomes that much more important.

Let me highlight Holy Week. The services in Holy Week are designed to enable participants to step onto that emotional roller coaster ride that Jesus and his followers experienced firsthand. The purpose of Holy Week is to incorporate us into the experience of the first disciples. It is our turn to feel the joy of Palm Sunday which quickly crashes into Crucify Him! Crucify Him! It is our turn to move in the darkness of the Last Supper and to experience our death in the stripping of the altar. We get to keep vigil in the garden overnight and rise to the shock of injustice and despair of crucifixion. We get to die. Then we wait for the turn of the hour at the Great Vigil. It is not pleasant, and it is not easy, but it is real.

If you were like me growing up, you probably didn't attend Holy Week services. We were too busy. There was too much to do. “I will go on Easter,” I said to myself. I have since learned that



with Holy Week, Easter is so much deeper and richer. Easter is joyful when I am incorporated into the despair and injustice. Easter makes it make sense. Death is defeated. Holy Week and Easter defeat death.

This year we are adding a Tenebrae service on Wednesday night in Holy Week. This service is different in that it has no sermon and no Eucharist. It is a service of light and dark, of recitation and reflection, and sight and sound. It only lasts one hour and we depart in silence as we begin the journey of Holy Week. Tenebrae puts us in mind of why we need the three days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. I invite you to commit to Holy Week as preparation for Easter. I invite you to a Holy Lent.

Fr. Rich



Leave Something Sweet!

A goodbye from Director of Parish Operations, PK Hamilton



I remember it like it was yesterday. The smells of cinnamon wafting into the offices from the church kitchen as the sounds of laughter and clanging pots echoed throughout the church. The Holiday Bazaar for the Gifts to Glorify the Lord (Organ) Campaign was around the corner and the volunteer candy makers were busy making confections to sell. I will never forget, as the candy makers were packing up for the day, a smiling Sue Van Meers walking into my office with a thank you gift of freshly made hard candies for me. She said, “Now you didn’t think I was going to leave you without something sweet, did you?”

Sue was one of the first members of Saint Timothy’s that I met. Her smile and demeanor were both welcoming and calming. She was a long time member, volunteer, and force for good at Saint Timothy’s. While experiencing much professional and family success, Sue never neglected the church she loved. Her input and drive to make a difference was evidenced yet again in her signing up for yet another adventure. This time to be a part of the team that led in the refurbishing of the organ, allowing the church to take its music program to new heights, and renovating the sanctuary.

Sue didn’t get to hear the restored J.D. Moore’s first notes on the Sunday it played in all of its restored glory, at least not from the pews. Sue had left the confines of this earthly habitation, and instead took up residence with the God whom she loved.

However, and forgive me for perhaps being a bit too free with my imagination, maybe God quieted heaven for Sue a bit, calling her to a balcony seat to hear the notes as she smiled in approval. When you, the Saint Tim’s family, experience those booming notes, remember that it is in part because of Sue’s commitment, combined with the commitment of many others. You didn’t think she was going to leave you without something sweet, did you?

You will continue to hear over the next year and beyond how you can leave a legacy here at Saint Timothy’s. Be encouraged that God provides us with ways to make a difference for the Kingdom with our time, talent, and treasure. Just as Sue did, each one of you can leave something for generations to follow by contributing some of the resources God has given you to this work.

I shared with Lisa, Sue’s daughter, the story of the candy. Lisa shared with me how the candy making had become a cherished part of the family’s holiday traditions. Imagine my surprise when I received a small package at the church last Christmas from Lisa. Inside was a lovely note and a small container of handmade candies. It was a tangible reminder of a legacy left, and a life well lived in love.

Friends, when I joined the staff four and half years ago I honestly had no idea how much I would come to love many of you. As happens on this journey of life, we have many hellos and more goodbyes than we ever want. I think the trick is for us to smile at hello and shed a few tears at goodbye. My journey has brought me to a goodbye professionally as I have accepted another position and to be honest, I have cried more than a few tears.

My last day at Saint Timothy’s will be Wednesday, February 7. I am so thankful that we have taken this journey for as long as we have. Words cannot begin to express how thankful I am that I was a part of the ministry of Father Brad Rundlett and the Rev. Leslie Chadwick. I am also so glad that I could be with you during your time of transition. I now wish you much joy as you move forward into what God has for you. Leave something sweet, my friends... leave a legacy of love!

Be blessed and love much!

PK Hamilton



our facility. This will be a series intended to provide our parish with a roadmap describing the steps necessary to ensure both St. Timothy's current and future financial security as well as its structural preservation.

The Lenten Journey

As I was entering church in early January, I saw the figures of the Magi displayed in the narthex and I was reminded of much earlier "Elf on the Shelf" type procession that was a very important part of my childhood. The church calendar for 2018 prevented the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, but joyful memories of childhood excitement remain of watching for the gradual procession of the Three Kings through the church during the Christmas season until they reached their final destination at the crib now complete with Baby Jesus at the altar. As a child in Sunday School, I joined the others to peek behind the font, below stained glass windows, on the steps of the Lady Chapel and even on the narrow steps leading to the organ loft high above the Sanctuary. During those olden days noise was kept to a minimum but the excitement of discovering the new position of these exotic travelers was very real, and the priest took many opportunities to liken their journey to our own journey through our Christian life.

Creating a Sustainable Church- Ensuring St. Timothy's will be around for another 150 years

Introduction to a New Series

Stewardship is a yearlong effort that is dependent on all of us. The programs we provide from worship to missions to space for organizations including the pre-school all require a well maintained physical facility. We should not take the upkeep of the building for granted. St. Timothy's has grown from a farmhouse to a small wooden structure to a large brick and mortar structure that will remain for use by future generations only if properly maintained. This requires that we plan not only for the current year but for future years. We need to continue to provide programs to serve both the people of St. Tim's and the local community. Consequently, we need to have the financial resources to pay not only for these programs but also for those expenses which are required for the continued maintenance of

We were asked to consider how dangerous it may have been to consider travelling through unknown countries but that we should take courage as we set out to find the path to God's country. One priest reminded us that probably the oldest parts of any civilization are the roads, be they highways or narrow lanes. We receive the map for our journey as soon as we are baptized, but it is our choice as to which road we follow. On another occasion we were warned of the diversions we may face, illustrated by the placement of the beautiful 18th century figures including camels on the steps to the organ, perhaps recalling the diversion to see King Herod!

In these challenging times it is often difficult to clearly see the path ahead, but to quote from Luke 3: 4-6 we can find our way if we:

"...Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him. Every valley shall be filled in, every

mountain and hill made low. The crooked paths shall become straight, the rough ways smooth, and all mankind will see God's salvation."

Centuries earlier, Isaiah had made the same announcement, and the same words are pertinent and important today if only we will listen and follow with the innocence and excitement of a child. By now the Wise Men are wrapped in their protective bubble wrap, placed in a box, and reside in a dusty cupboard until the glory and excitement of another Christmas comes around, but we shall have adventures and discoveries about our spiritual life which we would not have thought possible if we had never set out on the path to learn about and love the Lord with all our heart, the only gift he asks of us. We may have diversions as did those Wise Men of old, but let us use Lent to start this journey and see what we have to offer at the start of the next church year on Advent Sunday 2018.

-Jill Cox

Saints

On January 20th this year, Fr. Rich delivered a sermon about saints in the Church. Of people given a capitalized title before their names (e.g. St. Timothy, St. Agnes, St. Theresa, etc.), many were recognized and promoted by the Roman Catholic Church in particular and adapted generally by other Christians and non-Christians alike.

Some countries like the United Kingdom adopted "patron saints" relatively early in their history, St. George for England, St. David for Wales, St. Andrew for Scotland, and St. Patrick for Ireland, and they and many other countries incorporated emblems representing Saints in their flags and coats of arms.

In addition to these, I take personal interest and inspiration from the lives of the saints—both Hebrew and Christian—described in various parts of the Bible as "Believers, Sons of God, Chosen Ones, Dear Children, God's Sheep, People of Light and Heirs." I am also especially excited by people, largely unrecognized, who have endeavored to live holy lives in more recent times.

For instance, on March 13th each year, we are asked to remember and pray for the soul of JAMES

THEODORE HOLLY, Bishop Haiti and of the Dominican Republic, who died in 1911.

Holly was born as a free African American in Washington D. C. in 1829. He was baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, but later became an Episcopalian—familiar story in St. Tim's! He was ordained as a deacon in Detroit, then as a priest, and finally appointed Rector of St. Luke's, New Haven, CT. in 1856.

In that same year he founded a society with one of the longest names: "The Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting the Extension of the Church among Colored People," an antecedent of the Union of Black Episcopalians. Holly became a friend of Frederick Douglas, and the two men worked together on many programs.



In 1861, Holly resigned as rector of St. Luke's and led a group of African Americans to settle in Haiti. His wife, his mother, and two of his children died in the first year, but Holly and two small sons lived on. Holly is known for saying, "As the last surviving apostle of Jesus was in tribulation on the isle of Patmos, so by His Divine Providence, Christ has

brought this tribulation upon me for a similar end on this isle in the Caribbean Sea”.

In 1874, James Holly was consecrated the first Bishop of Haiti, the first black man to be raised to that office in the Episcopal Church, and only the second black Bishop in any major denomination. In the course of his ministry he doubled the size of his diocese AND established medical facilities where there were none. He served the Diocese of Haiti until his death in 1911, and he is buried in the grounds of the St. Vincent’s School for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince.

The prayer suggested for March 13th says:

“Most gracious God, by the calling of your servant James Theodore Holly, you gave us our first Bishop of African American heritage. In his quest for life and freedom, he led your people from bondage into a new land and established the Church in Haiti. Grant that, inspired by his testimony, we may overcome our prejudices and honor those whom you call from every family, language, people and nations.”

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Cox

Membership Records Update for Adult Children of Members

Any families in the system that have children turning 21 this year, please note the following information about our records update. Adult children (turning 21 or older) are being designated as their own record and will be labeled as a friend and family member of the church. If the adult child is an active member, please have them supply their current address, phone number, and email address to St. Timothy's or if easier to nikki.omalley@gmail.com. If the Adult Child does not contact us, they will not receive regular mailings or birthday greetings so please encourage them to do so if they still attend. Thank you!



Senior Warden Eugene Nkomba addresses congregants of St. Timothy's.

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Service Times:

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite 1

Sundays 10:00 am Rite II service with Holy Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade

SPARK+, 3-5th grade

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Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service

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Welcome New Members

We want to warmly welcome new members, including the newly baptized, to the St. Timothy's family:

+New Members 2017 (B: Baptism, C: Confirmation, R: Reception or T: Transfer)

01/03/2018

Timothy Allen (T)

01/10/2018

Adaku Nwachukwu (T)

Peter Nwachukwu (T)

01 /06/2018

Dale Adrian Bonilla Lemus (B)

Karen Vanessa Castillo Canizalez (B)

Fatima Giselle Castillo Canizalez (B)

Andrea Lisseth Castillo Canizalez (B)

1/7/2018

Lucas Thomas Ubillus (B)

01/19/2018

Robert Huizar III (T)

Please be aware that there are MANY active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years that 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 congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of 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, giving us a stronger vote in Diocese 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

Submission Deadline for the next issue:

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Submit to Ian Smith at

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The Presentation in the Temple, (Moscow School, c. 1500)

“Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

“There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.”

Taken from the Gospel of St. Luke 2, as appointed for reading on The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)