

# The Word

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

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## *A Message from our Rector*

Dear Friends,

My practice for baptisms has been to follow the guidelines of the current Book of Common Prayer. With the adoption of the 1979 Prayer Book our church made one of the most radical theological adjustments since the Reformation. Prior to 1979 baptisms were often private and rarely recognized as a community event. The '79 Prayer Book reemphasized the importance of Baptism theologically and placed it liturgically at the most important times of our church year. If you go to the Prayer Book you will note that the Rite of Baptism (Page 299) follows the Easter Vigil---the most holy night of the year---and precedes the Eucharistic Liturgies---the most Holy Act for Episcopalians. It is not a coincidence that Baptism is placed in this location.

Because the 1979 Prayer Book has a greater consistency and integrity to the liturgical year than previous Prayer Books, it specifies that Baptism should be reserved for the following occasions: The Easter Vigil, Day of Pentecost, All Saints Day, Baptism of Our Lord in January, and the visit by a Bishop (BCP, 312). As there is a long stretch of time between Pentecost and All Saints, my practice has also been to baptize on the first Sunday after the Feast of the Transfiguration in August. I feel that is in keeping with the intent of the Prayer Book, but also provides additional opportunity for those wishing to be baptized between Pentecost and All Saints.

Another reason that I hold to the practice of performing baptisms on the specified days is because when a priest is doing 20 plus baptisms year (as I have done in the past), it is easy for every other church service to seem to be someone's



baptism. It doesn't help the experience of the liturgical year for those attending regularly. Furthermore, random baptisms sometimes leave people in the congregation feeling like their worship has been hijacked by someone they may not even know. Lastly, baptism is at its heart initiation into the community. To serve that purpose, it must be a community event---and what better way to emphasize our community than to have multiple baptisms together, on the important days for the community, i.e. the Feasts for which they are reserved.

There is much more that I could write on Baptism as it is so important to our community, but I hope this brief and simple explanation is helpful to you when thinking about Baptism and what it means to be part of Christ's Body. I invite you to talk with me more about Baptism, or any of the Sacraments of the Church, and I look forward to celebrating with you all.

Father Rich

## *Vestry Report*

September 2017

August Giving: \$40,527

Budgeted Giving: \$47,223

YTD Expenses vs. Income: \$4,728

At the September Vestry meeting on Tuesday the 12th, the Vestry approved the August meeting minutes and passed the Rector Housing allowance designating \$40,000 of Fr. Rich's compensation as housing. The Vestry approved the 2016 Audit conducted by the Finance Committee, and briefly discussed the need to have a professional audit from an outside firm completed soon, since one has not been done in at least 15 years.

Susy Nixon reported that there will be a call with Farmer on Friday, and we should have a firm date for his return to install the remaining pipes at that time.

Fr. Rich sought input on top priorities for St. Timothy's: 1) Integration of and ministry to the Spanish service congregants, 2) a strong Stewardship campaign, and 3) Christian Education. The Vestry approved continuing Bill Baker's work with the Saturday evening service through the end of the year while Fr. Rich transitions and brushes up on his Spanish preaching. Stewardship was discussed, with the need to educate Spanish service congregants on how the offering works, Stewardship as a spiritual discipline, and what happens if a pledge has to be changed. Fr. Rich suggested the national church resources may have pamphlets in Spanish. Fr. Rich sought input on Family Service, and plans to change it to the first Sunday of the month beginning in November. He also plans to put together a Christian Formation group to examine Christian Education at St. Timothy's.

Draft minutes can be viewed [online here](#) once they are available. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

*Genevieve Zetlan, Sr. Warden*

## *Poetry Corner*

Dear Friends,

I wrote this after Hurricane Sandy I think—or maybe after Katrina—but it is applicable to any disaster. These days I think especially of those who cope in situations without the support of government or aid groups. Whether in far-flung, war-torn places like Yemen, Myanmar, and Syria, or in closer locales in our own county like Puerto Rico, coastal Texas, and Florida where natural disasters have wrought havoc and suffering, so many are in need of our prayers and lovingkindness.

“After the Storm”

Even in the turmoil of storm and recovery, charity and love has not been forgotten.

Sacrifice and donations thrive despite the stress and loss of comfort.

Pleasures will be simple, consumption of luxuries smaller.

But gathering of families will be treasured and remembered for all future years,

And the grace and mercy of God will be sought and received

In love and gratitude from believers and non-believers alike,

As they pursue their dream of peace and happiness in an united world,

Full of God's love and the spread of that Love from person to person,

Each and every day.

*-Jill Cox*





### ***An All Saints' Invitation***

I am inviting you to bring in pictures of your deceased loved ones in October and display them behind the altar and on the wall with the columbarium. I will have some of my family on the altar on October 1st if I can find the box they are packed in. During the rest of the month, you will see that the altar will be increasingly crowded with pictures of our loved ones who have gone before us to become part of the Church Triumphant. They will remain there until after the 10 AM service on Sunday, November 5th.

We bring pictures of our loved ones into church for All Saints' Sunday to remind us of their love for us while they were on this earth, and to show our love for them. We also remember the good and bad times we had with them, and the hope we have in the Resurrection that will enable us to see them again. On Sunday, November 5th each photograph will have a candle lit in front of it as a symbol of that person's life and union with Christ. The candle is also a symbol of our love for them.

When you bring in pictures of your family and friends who are deceased, you may place them on the reredos and the wall with the columbarium yourselves, or ask a Greeter or Usher to help you. We would be glad to put them up before the service or immediately after the service during Coffee Hour. If you don't have a photo of someone you

would like remembered, you can simply have their name displayed using the name cards, which will be found at the back of the church on the table in the crossing.

There will also be some name cards available in the office. Name cards may be placed in front of the photos to identify those pictured. If you would like to have loved one's names read out loud on that Sunday, please send the names to Kevin Hamilton in the office at [kevinh@saint-timothys.org](mailto:kevinh@saint-timothys.org) and specify which service: 7:30 pm, 8 am, or 10:00 am.

Father Rich

### ***Baptismal Preparation***

The next Baptismal Sunday is November 5, 2017. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized should contact Director of Parish Operations Kevin Hamilton at [kevinh@saint-timothys.org](mailto:kevinh@saint-timothys.org), immediately to fill out the required paper work and be added to the list. Those who are to be baptized are to have at least two Godparents, both of whom must be baptized and practicing members of a Christian church. It is permitted to have more than two Godparents, but two is the minimum.

Godparent preparation is scheduled for November 1st, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Those adults being baptized and Godparents for all candidates must be present. Young children do not need to be present, but may if their parents wish it.

### ***Organ Project News***

John Farmer and his staff are performing the final part of the organ installation starting October 2 and concluding by October 17. During that time, ALL services will be held as scheduled. The restorers will work around our calendar; but please just be careful around their work areas while they are here.

The church office has received a few inquiries about when the organ rededication concert will be scheduled. Once this final installation phase is completed, we will begin planning for a formal rededication of the instrument – probably in conjunction with St. Timothy's 150th anniversary in 2018!



preached at the community-wide service at St. Paul's Memorial Church.

Your Region V was represented at the meeting of the governance bodies by Region V President, Ms. Joni Langevoort (Holy Comforter); Region V Dean, The Very Reverend Hillary West (Epiphany Oak Hill); and Region V Representative to the Diocesan Executive Board, Ms. Diane Miller (St. Timothy's Herndon).

Our Diocesan Bishop, Shannon Johnston, expanded the meeting to include members of all the leadership governance bodies of the Diocese—the Standing Committee, the Executive Board, Region Deans, Region Presidents –the Diocesan Race and Reconciliation Committee, and the clergy of Region XIV, which includes the Charlottesville area, for this rare treat.

Bishop Curry brought his message of love and encouraged us each to live a Jesus-shaped life. He spoke of a “revolution of relationships” where we intentionally connect with each other at a personal level and where we each find ways for truth to emerge – by allowing people to tell their truths, which emerge from their personal stories. When we listen to each other's' stories, we become changed. In providing guidance for how we move forward in the wake of recent violence, he admonished the gathered to start with reflection on Jesus' principles, morals and values—those will guide how we approach a situation. He noted the Church needs to be present as an agent of Jesus and love, not as an advocate of liberal or conservative perspective on any issue.

Bishop Curry encouraged us to refer to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s “Ten Commandments for Cultural Change,” written for the participants before the Birmingham March of 1963. In closing, Bishop Curry admonished us to “walk together, people of good will, and live the way of love until the love of God transforms this world.”

Bishop Curry's visit was nothing short of amazing – caring, loving, inspirational and hopeful – exactly what was needed at this time. For additional information about the Presiding Bishop's visit, and to view a video of his sermon at St. Paul's Memorial Church, please use this link to the

### ***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](mailto: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!

### ***A Visit from the Presiding Bishop***

September 7th was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Executive Board...except it was anything but a regular meeting!

In the aftermath of the August violence in Charlottesville, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, spent the day in Charlottesville, providing pastoral care, guidance, and perspective at meetings with local clergy and students. Bishop Curry also met with the governance bodies of the Diocese and



Diocese of Virginia website:

<http://www.thediocese.net/news/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-makes-pastoral-visit-to-charlottesville/>

***Sixth Annual Holiday Bazaar - November 12, 2017***

Do you have a craft or hobby business? We will be holding the holiday bazaar again this year and would love to have you participate. This event has become popular within the local crafting community as we fill a pre-holiday niche with our Sunday event. As usual the Bazaar will include a diverse group of crafters, vendors, the ever popular Raffle, Bake Sale and special activity. This year's proceeds will benefit the Bell Table & Reserve funds. To receive a registration form, please email co-chairs Sean & Marty Brady at [sttims.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:sttims.bazaar@gmail.com).



## ***2017 Vestry with Liaison Assignments***

Genevieve Zetlan (2018) – Senior Warden  
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### *Terms Expire 2020*

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## ***Terms Expire 2019***

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### *Terms Expire 2018*

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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

Christian Ed

Nursery Care

Wednesday: 12:15 pm, Eucharist and Healing Service

### **Rector**

The Rev. Dr. Rich Bardusch

### **Director, Parish Operations**

Mr. Kevin Hamilton

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### **Interim Director of Music**

Roger Long

### **Bookkeeper**

Fernanda Marinkovic

## ***Welcome New Members***

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](http://www.saint-timothys.org) or send the information to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto: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](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)

## **Submission Deadline for the next issue:**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

**Submit to Ian Smith at**

[ids227@gmail.com](mailto:ids227@gmail.com)





*God of compassion, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress; accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding: strengthen them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives.*

*This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.*