



# The WORD

May 2026

***Dear St. Timothy's Family,***

On Sunday, Ellie Singer, our Senior Seminarian, preached her last Sermon at St. Timothy's. Ellie is set to graduate on May 7<sup>th</sup> from Virginia Theological Seminary after which she and her husband will move back home to the Diocese of Texas where she will receive her first call. Stay tuned for where that exactly will be! God willing and the people consenting, Ellie will be ordained on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> (11 am) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin, TX by the Right Reverend Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas. We will keep Ellie in our prayers, from the Old Dominion to the Lonestar State, as she begins her ministry as a transitional deacon priest. I am so thankful for my time with Ellie—particularly as she was St. Timothy's first seminarian during my tenure here. She has been a wonderful supervisee, colleague and friend. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for her in Texas.



This month, we will also say goodbye to Marie Esther Duvert, our Seminarian (pictured above alongside Ellie, two Cowherds, and our incoming Seminarian... see below). Marie Esther likewise has been such a gift and blessing to our congregation. She jumped in with two feet by helping out with VBS last Summer and has continued to learn and grow with us over this academic year. She

will graduate next May from VTS at which time she will head back to the Diocese of New Jersey. Her preaching ability, her pastoral presence, and her kind nature will serve her well in the future. My prayers for her and her family during her final year at Seminary and she knows that she is always welcome back to St. Tim's!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that our 'incoming' seminarian for the Fall 2026 will be Mr. Garry Sloan (also pictured above). Garry and his wife Erin come to us from the Diocese of Chicago by way of Lake Forest, Illinois and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit (the same church that departed St. Tim's parishioners Jan and Gerry Lyons recently moved back to.) Garry will begin his service with us in September so be on the lookout for a fuller introduction. In the meantime, you might see Garry and members of his family worshipping with us in the months and weeks ahead.

Supervising seminarians and giving them a place to develop is an important part of our shared ministry here at St. Timothy's. It is a wonderful way to breathe life into our parish and to remind us of the geographic breadth of the larger denomination, as well as the chronological length of our faith. You can see evidence of that in the historical chart after this article which list the seminarians that have been a part of St. Tim's over the years. You can also read, in this semi-quintcentennial year, the welcoming letter to a particular seminarian, the now Reverend Ted McNabb, who came to our church as a seminarian way back in 1976.

I give thanks to the individuals who currently serve on the Lay Support Team that guides our seminarians: Maria LaWalt, Lay Support Team Convener, Stephanie Wolo, Tom Davis, and Betsy Bosworth. Please let me know if you would like to serve on this Committee into the future.

And, finally, I give thanks to all our seminarians (past, present, and future), but most especially to Ellie and Marie Esther and Garry.

God Bless,

CHARLES+

P.S. Would appreciate any additions, corrections, etc. to the list below!



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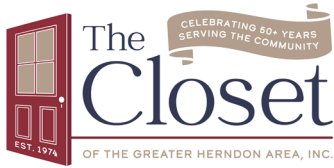
## WELCOME, TED!

Many of you have already met our new Seminarian, Edward T. McNabb, Jr., better known as Ted, who will be assisting us at St. Timothy's all this year. Ted comes from Nashville, Tenn. and got his B.A. in English from the University of the South in 1973. He worked as Director of Guide Services and Administrative Assistant for the Rugby Restoration Association in North-east Tennessee. This is an English colony founded in 1880 by Thomas Hughes, author of "Tom Brown's School Days." Ted also taught English at Morgan County High School, Tenn. and assisted in a living history project revitalizing old Ft. Nashborough in Nashville. Ted is single, 25 years old, an avid folk musician and classical buff, and is President of his Middler Class at Virginia Theological Seminary. We look forward to having you with us!

### Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church (Herndon, Virginia) Seminarians

YEARS at St. Tim's	NAME	Current Position as of May 2026
2026-	Garry Sloan	Junior at VTS, Diocese of Chicago
2025-2026	Marie Esther Duvert	Middler at VTS, Diocese of New Jersey
2024-2026	Ellen Singer	Senior at VTS, Diocese of Texas
2020	Shawn Rutledge	Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Casa Grande, AZ
2015-2016	Taylor (Poindexter) Devine	Church Relations Coordinator, Discipleship Initiatives- <i>Forward Movement</i>
2014-2015	Bryan Spoon	Lives currently in Mexico City, Mexico
2013-2014	Elizabeth "Liz" Tomlinson	Retired, lives in Ashby Ponds, Ashburn, VA
2011-2012	Terry Edwards	Retired, lives in Raleigh, NC
2009-2011	Wisnel Dejardin	Priest at <i>Paroisse Saint-Esprit Cap-Haïtien</i>
2009-2011	Peter Doddema	Rector of Church of the Ascension Church , Frankfort, KY
2007-2008	Kimberly Seidman	Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Centennial, CO
2005-2006	Allen Pruitt	Associate Rector of Christ Church, Charlotte, NC
2004-2005	Michael Hinson	Former Middle School Chaplain at St. Stephen's-St. Agnes School, Alexandria, VA (Died in 2021)
2003-2004	Will Scott	Rector of St. Anselm's Church, Lafayette, CA

2000-2001	Felicia Smith Graybeal	Rector of St. Paul's Church, Fort Collins, CO
1998-2000	Jane (Bussey) Duncan Piver	Priest-in-Charge of Holy Cross Church, Batesville, VA
1997-1998		
1996-1997	Lynn Orville	Retired, Diocese of Western North Carolina
1994-1995	Elizabeth (Myers) Nelson	Priest-in-Charge of Good Shepherd Church, Labelle, FL
1993-1994	Jennifer McCormick Wilson	Deacon, Diocese of Southeast Florida
1992-1993	Jane W. Barr	Retired, Diocese of Virginia
1989-1990	Briggett Keith	Retired, Diocese of Virginia
1987-1988	Linnea Turner	Retired, Diocese of Virginia
1986-1989	Robert Tedesco	Retired, Diocese of Virginia
1985-1986	Robert Koth	Retired Priest in the Anglican Church of North America
1984-1986	Patrick Raymond Close	Retired, Diocese of New Jersey
1981-1982	Jean Collins	Rector, St. James Church, Lewiston, MT
1980-1981	Steve Oreskovich	Retired, Diocese of Montana
1976-1978	Ted McNabb	Retired Priest in the Anglican Church of North America
1975-1976	Loren Foot	Died in 2007, Diocese of Montana
1975-1976	Suzanne Chappell Finch	
1965-1966	Howard LaRue	Died in 2024, Diocese of Virginia
1944	Charles Perry	
1944	H. Littleton Zimmerman	
1940	Robert F. Gibson, Jr.	Died in 1990, 10 <sup>th</sup> Bishop of Virginia
1914	W.B. Dern	



## The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area, Inc.

Summer has arrived at The Closet:

- Summer toys and pool toys
- Plant pots and gardening tools
- Golf shirts for men
- Shorts and t-shirts for boys and girls
- Sleeveless shirts and shorts for women
- Books for a leisurely read

Check out The Closet at 845 Station Street for your summer needs.

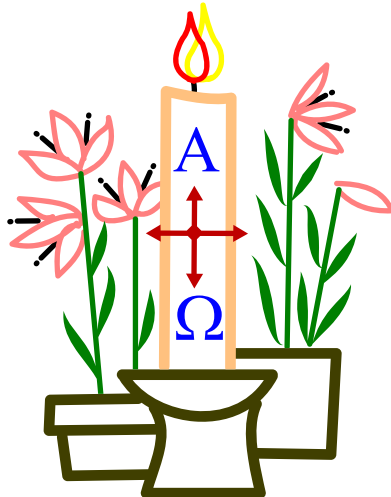
Looking for a summer job? The Closet is hiring junior and senior high school students and college students. Go to The Closet website for additional information (<https://www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org>) or call The Closet (703. 437.7652).

St. Timothy's is asked to provide volunteers on these dates: May 11, June 3, July 20.

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## **News from the Social Justice Ministry**

“The cost of [the] war in Iran has already been astronomical: about \$12 billion in the first six days alone and \$1 billion per day since then, [and] experts believe that the true cost of the war in Iran will likely exceed \$1 trillion before it concludes.

Imagine what we could pay for instead of an unnecessary and massively destructive war. Forgoing just two weeks of strikes in Iran could, according to reporter Nik Popli of *Time*, fully fund the following: health care for 1.3 million Americans, full food assistance for 5.5 million, housing assistance for 1 million, the National Park Service, pre-K for nine hundred thousand children, Pell grants for 1.5 million students, and the salaries of more than one hundred thousand teachers and nurses.

Meanwhile rural hospitals and daycare centers are closing in states all across the country...Massive spikes in health-insurance premiums, often on the order of several thousand dollars per month, mean that millions of Americans will go without care in 2027—including an estimated 5.3 million who depend on Medicaid.

**Budgets are boring**, which is why most Americans, burdened as they are with their taxes and medical bills, with paying for childcare, groceries, and transportation, usually don't pay attention to how they're made. But budgets, as Martin Luther King Jr. said, are also moral documents. They reveal a nation's priorities.”

- Excerpted from Commonweal 04/21/26 [Budgeting for War | Commonweal Magazine](#) (emphasis added)

Providing for the common defense is an important role of government, as is caring for the welfare of all its citizens. On Sunday, April 26, the SJM handed out flyers inviting parishioners to sign up to receive Action Alerts from the Episcopal Public Policy Network. These alerts help to flesh out the notion that “budgets are moral documents.” If you choose to receive these alerts, watch for opportunities to inform your federal legislators about your moral views concerning the upcoming federal budget.

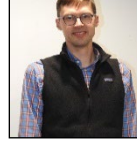
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*Respectfully submitted by Ron Boggio*

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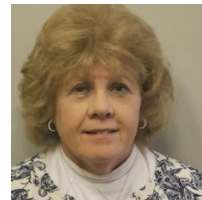
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<b>Service Times</b>		
Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday:	8 am	Rite II in Easter (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English) Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/Facebook/Website)
Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities to worship		

**Welcome New Members**

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact the church office ([office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form.

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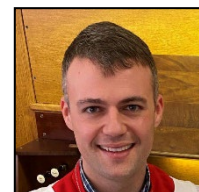
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## Meditation for the Easter Season

Jesus seemed to know from an early age that we cannot build on fear. We can build only on life; only life leads to life. Jesus went to the deepest source of life. He gazed long and hard into God's eyes; there, somehow, but most assuredly, he overcame fear. He did not find assurance that he would "win," because humanly speaking, he didn't. And I don't believe that he found assurance that he was right, either, although we tend to think he knew it all.

His only assurance was knowing he spoke only what he had first heard (see John 8:28). He handed over the vision that he had seen in God's eyes: a love that overcomes fear, and offers a terrible, wonderful courage, allowing us to release our life, to let it fall and go where it might. Jesus's trust was not in himself but in who he knew he was before God.

When Jesus preaches, he tells others what he first heard: "Do not be afraid." He learned that well from his own tradition. Those words were communicated again and again, through God, other people, and in prayer: To Abraham and Sarah, God said, "Do not be afraid." To Moses, "Do not be afraid." To Joshua and Gideon, "Do not be afraid." To Samuel and Hannah, "Do not be afraid." To Judith, "Do not be afraid." To David, in the prayers of his heart, "Do not be afraid."

To the people of Israel, throughout the prophets again and again, and in every type of cataclysmic situation: "Do not be afraid." Through Isaiah, "Do not be afraid." To Joseph, the father of Jesus and husband of Mary, "Do not be afraid." And, of course, to Mary who said yes, the angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary."

Why this word over and over again? Because we're afraid! We're wrapped and sometimes even trapped in our fear. We want to go beyond it and yet somehow it controls us. We fear what we do not know and do not understand. We fear that what we are afraid of will control us, while we long to control our own lives.

Deep down, we long for freedom, but if we want to be free from fear, we must be willing to gaze into God's eyes as Jesus did. We must be willing to ask the same questions Jesus was asking. It's not important that we get answers. I don't think Jesus got that many answers, but we need to be asking the right questions: What is it that we desire? What is it that we're trying to protect? What is it that we're afraid is going to overtake us and control us?

We can't attack fear head on. We can't simply say to ourselves, "Don't be afraid" because it doesn't work. It isn't that simple. We have to go deeper, be curious about where the fear is coming from, and trust God with it.

*Adapted from Richard Rohr "Daily Meditation for 04/27/22"*

[Calming Our Fears — Center for Action and Contemplation](#)