

Tidings

Our Annual Tent Revival

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of Our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Friends in Christ,

With the offering of this prayer on the Sunday of the Passion, March 28, we will enter Holy Week. For those who have been marked and claimed as Christ's own, and who have embarked on the Journey of Faith, this is the most important week of the year. As the drama of this week unfolds we will again live the story of our creation, alienation and redemption, and we will be reminded once more of the gift and heritage that is ours as a people of God. However, if we are to fully glimpse the life of joy to which we are called as Easter People, I believe it is necessary to immerse ourselves in the deepest way possible in the events of all of Holy Week.

As the spiritual leader of this community, and a companion on the Inner Way, I urge every member of St. Timothy's, young and old alike, to be present for the liturgies of Holy Week. The quality of our witness as members of the Body of Christ depends upon our willingness to stay with Jesus from the time of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem until he is taken from the Cross and laid in the tomb. If we are able to order our lives in a manner that will enable that, then our shouts of "Alleluia! He is risen!" will be born of a deeper understanding of what resurrection truly means.

Please mark you calendars and be present as we live the events by which we gain identity, purpose and life.

Faithfully,

Steven

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series: The Apocalyptic Imagination from Ezekiel to Waco and Tim LeHaye

Led by the Rev. Bruce Bramlett, this year's Lenten Series will trace the many faces of the Apocalyptic imagination throughout history in the west. This most fascinating of biblical themes threads its way through the history of Judaism and Christianity in the west emerging in myriad images which hearken to the imminent coming of the end of time. It is always framed in dark and terrifyingly gruesome scenes of ultimate cosmic warfare. Beginning in the catastrophic world of Judea's post-exilic period and moving through the upheavals of messianic expectation in the time of the Roman Empire that spawned both Rabbinic Judaism and Christianity, we will seek to understand the themes of Apocalyptic eschatology in their historical contexts. We will then want to explore this theology of God's ultimate justice, seeing it reemerge again and again throughout western history as the cosmic engagement between good and evil in both their Jewish and Christian expressions. Finally, we'll look at some of the many apocalyptic uprisings that took place throughout the dark periods of medieval Europe, including the Protestant Reformation, the rise of Jewish messianism, and on to its modern deadly expressions in the political movements of Nazism and Communism and the present day doomsday cults.

**Wednesday Evenings
February 24 – March 24
Soup Supper at 6:15 in the Parish Hall
Program 7:00 – 9:00 in the Grace House Conference Room
Cost: \$25.00 for the entire series**

Signups for the Dinner and the Program will be
after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 services.

You can also signup at ParishLife@SaintTimothysDanville.org.

For questions or comments LisaPerry@SaintTimothysDanville.org or 925-837-4740.

The Rev. Bruce R. Bramlett is the Program Coordinator for the "Extremes of Hate: Holocaust Studies and Critical Thinking" program at the Silicon Valley Conference for Community and Justice in San Jose. He provides educational programming and heads a Holocaust Survivors' Speakers Bureau for Bay area schools and institutions. As an ordained Episcopal priest, he has spent most of his career as a teacher and pastor with a passion for work in the Jewish-Christian encounter. He did his graduate work at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley in Post-Holocaust Christian Thought, Jewish-Christian Relations and Holocaust Studies. He has studied in Jerusalem at Yad Vashem and was a Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He has lectured and taught around the Bay area at such institutions as St. Mary's College, U.S.F., the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Dominican University, Lehrhaus Judaica and a large number of synagogues, churches and high schools.



The Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent we will walk the Stations of the Cross around the Meditation Garden. The practice of walking the stations of the cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, is a practice widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem who walk the path Jesus walked to his crucifixion. Most people are not able to go to Jerusalem so with artwork, Jesus' path is depicted in art and traditionally hung around the church. Groups pray at each station as they move around the church. At Saint Timothy's we are blessed with a beautiful meditation garden. We will wind our way through the stations (beginning near the parking lot, and ending at the ninth station in the columbarium) reading scripture, meditating and praying. This is a chance for us to remember Christ's sacrifice throughout Lent so that we feel the full impact of his sacrifice and the full gift of his resurrection during Easter. If you are not able to come on Fridays at noon, there will be a booklet available in the office for you to guide yourself through the stations.

Fridays, noon

Meditation Garden



Donations for Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate money toward the purchase of altar flowers for Easter, you can do so by placing a check made payable to St. Timothy's, (and marked as a donation for Easter flowers,) in a specially printed envelope which may be found on a table in the narthex. The envelope may be placed in an alms basin. You may also give the check to an Altar Guild member, or give it to Bea Pussman in the church office. We suggest a deadline of Palm Sunday so that your gift may be honored in the Easter Bulletin.

Thank you,
Patty Alexanderson,
Altar Guild Director

The children's liturgy group is

growing!!

Currently about 20% of our 9:00am congregation comes in at the peace from children's liturgy! This is great news!!! The challenge is how to make sure that there is seating for the group when they join the rest of the congregation.

So, we are doing two new things to help accommodate our children's liturgy families at 9:00am service:

We are reserving one pew in the back of the church for families who ALL come to children's liturgy each week (and have no one saving seats for them in church).

Starting Sunday, March 14th, there will be seat place holders for family members to use to reserve seats throughout the church for those in their families who are at children's liturgy.

Thank you for your support in welcoming and including children's liturgy into the life of the parish and the 9:00am service!

THE BIBLE FROM 30,000 FEET

We know Bible stories, but do we know the Bible Story? What is the Bible anyway, and how do we read and interpret it? What are its major stories and themes? Who is who and what is where? How do we find our way around? Do you think you should know and are afraid to ask?

In the same way that an airplane offers a wide view of the world below, especially its overall shape and geography, and *The Bible from 30,000 Feet* offers a broad overview of the Bible. It is especially appropriate for the "Bible beginner" or someone seeking to learn more about the Bible and its story in general before studying its books in more detail.

We will make a sweep of the Bible by taking a look at its major stories and themes, and what it teaches us about God. Along the way, we will explore its major sections (Old and New Testaments, Torah, Prophets, Psalms, Gospels, Epistles, etc.), and will address the questions above and the questions you bring.

For more information contact Kathy Trapani at 837-4993 x13.

Sunday Mornings
10:10 – 10:50
January 17 – March 28
Grace House Conference Room
(No meeting on March 21)

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!

VBS dates: June 21-25, 2010
 VBS theme: **ReNEW: The Green VBS**
Grow in faith! Have fun! Change the world!
 Camper registration: \$85/camper or \$55/camper (w/ 3+ volunteer days)
Camper registration deadline: May 15, 2010

Counselor registration \$20/counselor
Counselor registration deadline: April 15, 2010

VBS registration forms are now available. Please contact Lori Robinson to get a camper or counselor form. Registration opens to the public on March 15th and last year registration slots filled up quickly, particularly in the preschool and kindergarten groups. So, register early to guarantee a spot for VBS 2010!

You can either drop off the completed registration form and fee at the parish office or mail it to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at lrobinson@sainttimothysdanville.org or by calling me at #837-4993 ext. 23; Monday – Thursday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

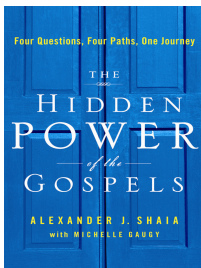
Hope to see you at VBS!

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**Sunday Mornings in Easter:
*Banned from the Bible***

Now that we have explored the Bible from 30,000 feet, it is time to take a look at what did not make it into the Bible. Join us on Sunday mornings for this fascinating History Channel DVD series. We will hear about such stories as the Life of Adam and Eve, the legend of Lilith, the story of Asneth, and others, as we broaden our understanding of the Scriptures through a look at what was left out.

**April 18 – June 6
(no meeting on May 2 or 23)
10:10 – 10:50
Grace House Conference Room**



**Save the Date:
Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00**

**Alexander J. Shaia, PhD
author of
The Hidden Power of the Gospels
*Four Questions, Four Paths, One Journey***

The Hidden Power of the Gospels: Four Questions, Four Paths, One Journey* explores how the gospels help us address the complexities of contemporary life and are a map for our never-ending spiritual journey. Dr. Shaia employs Christian traditions, anthropology, and modern psychology to examine the four Christian gospels, the original communities for which they were written, and the ancient gospel reading sequence. The four-fold, sequential and cyclical journey of spiritual transformation relates to each gospel, its core question, and essential practices:

<i>Matthew</i>	How do we face change?
<i>Mark</i>	How do we move through suffering?
<i>John</i>	How do we receive joy?
<i>Luke</i>	How do we mature in service?

On Tuesday, April 13, St. Timothy's will be hosting an all day workshop put on by Dr. Shaia for clergy and lay leaders and, in return, he will be offering a lecture for the St. Timothy's community on Wednesday evening. (Dr. Shaia's book will be released by Harper Collins/Harper One on February 2, 2010.) If you are interested in attending the all day workshop, please contact Kathy Trapani. (Cost is \$40.00). **If you would be willing to help with hospitality, registration, or book sales, please contact Kathy Trapani.**

Work Party

Can you help clean the church on Friday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. in preparation for Holy Week? The plan is to clean the top of each pew, dust the seats, dust the kneelers, dust the choir chairs and finally dust the windows. If this is something you think you would like to help with, please contact me at 925 837-4993, Ext. 11 or bk mats@aol.com.

Bev Matsunaga
Facility Coordinator

"I suppose no soul of any sensitivity can live through Holy Week without an awed and grateful sense of being incorporated in a mystery of self-giving love which yet remains far beyond our span."

Evelyn Underhill
Light Of Christ



Palm Sunday

The Sunday of the Passion

Sunday, March 28, marks the beginning of Holy Week. At no other time of the year is our identity as Christians more clearly focused than during this week when we seek renewal and recommitment as we recall the great acts of God which have brought us life and salvation.

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| 7:30 a.m. | Blessing of the Palms, Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion. |
| 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. | Blessing of the Palms, Procession into the church, Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion. Note: Services begin in the Parish Hall. |
| 10:10 – 10:50 a.m. | <i>Day of Preparation</i>
We begin to move into the events of Holy Week with the Day of Preparation during Good News Hour in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in the crafts and activities as we prepare ourselves for the most sacred days of Christian observance. (There will be no Good News Hour on this day). |



Please note ALL Holy Week services now start at 7:00 pm!

Monday of Holy Week **Holy Eucharist**

Join us for a quiet celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m., as we remember the events of the last week of Jesus' public ministry.

Tuesday of Holy Week **Tenebrae**

Tenebrae is a Latin word which means "darkness" or "shadows" and is a liturgy which finds its roots in the combination of a monastic night service (matins) and early morning service (lauds). On this night, we listen to God's Word as the candles (save one) and lights in the church are gradually extinguished. We are reminded of what life is like in the world without Jesus, and that his is a light which is never put out. Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week **Service of Reconciliation**

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9

We cleanse our hearts and turn them again to the Lord, as we experience the compassion, forgiveness and mercy of our God in this public Service of Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m.

Three Great Days

At the heart of Christian faith and worship is the culmination of Holy Week, the celebration of the Three Great Days (*Triduum Sacrum*). On these days (which, in actuality are a single rite) we recall and enter into God's ultimate act of love for the human race. Beginning with Maundy Thursday, we re-member Jesus' Last Supper, his passion and death, and his glorious resurrection.



Maundy Thursday **Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing**

On the night before his death Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples and commanded them to “do this in remembrance of me.” With those words he instituted our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. On that same night, Jesus washed the feet of his friends and gave them a new commandment of love and service. We live out these commandments in our own celebration of Holy Communion with Foot Washing at 7:00. Note: Participation in the foot washing is optional.

Keeping Vigil

On Maundy Thursday we remember the day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. After their last meal together, Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus invited them to pray. Finally, his friends fell asleep in the garden while Jesus continued to pray, and gained the strength and composure to face the coming day. We invite you to keep vigil with Jesus as he prepares for his walk to the cross. The Latin word “vigil” means “to watch.” The healing chapel in the church will be available for keeping vigil from the end of the Maundy Thursday service to 7:00 am. Friday.

Good Friday

On Good Friday we recall the Passion and Death of Jesus by which he purchased our freedom and salvation. Three observances are made on this day:

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| 12:00 p.m. | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | We will wind our way through the stations (beginning near the parking lot, and ending at the ninth station in the columbarium) reading scripture, meditating and praying. |
| 4:00 p.m. | Children's
Good Friday Observance | Children are invited to a special service that will walk them through the events of Good Friday in a child-friendly format. Following the service hot cross buns and a craft activity will be available in the parish hall. |
| 7:00 p.m. | <i>Liturgy of Good Friday</i> | A powerful re-remembrance of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. |



Holy Saturday

We gather at 9:00 a.m. for this very simple service, as we remember the day when the crucified Christ visited among the dead while his body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

The Great Vigil of Easter *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!!*

We say our first alleluias and celebrate the first **Eucharist of Easter at the Great Vigil on Saturday at 8:00 p.m.** This service begins in darkness which is pierced by the light of Christ. As we await the discovery of the empty tomb we hear the story of God's saving acts. We conclude with the celebration of the resurrection, continuing the feast with a festal reception in the Parish Hall.

Weather permitting, **please gather in the Labyrinth by 8:00 p.m.** for the first part of the service. We will have chairs available this year as well as several patio heaters to help keep us warm, but please remember to dress appropriately. From the Labyrinth we will move to the Columbarium for baptisms and to retrieve the Alleluia Banner, then finally into the church to the sound of bells and the 'Gloria' to continue the celebration of the resurrection. Should it happen to rain, we will hold the entire service in the church.

We need your help to SET-UP, bring FRESH FLOWERS, and, of course, to bring GOODIES (sweets, wine etc..) to share after the service. We will set up and decorate the parish hall at **9:00am on Sat, April 3rd**. Flowers can be dropped off that morning as well. Drop off food and drinks just prior to the 7:30 service that evening. Please contact Laurell Ingham and/or Zoe Gil to let them know if you can help: parishlife@sainttimothysdanville.org

Easter Day

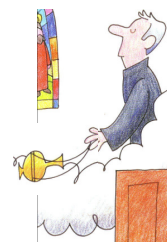
Our celebration of Easter continues on Easter Day with our Sunday liturgies:

- 7:30 a.m. Festal Choral Eucharist with organ and hymns
- 9:00 a.m. Festal Choral Eucharist with contemporary music
- 11:00 a.m. Festal Choral Eucharist with traditional music

Easter Sunday is fast coming upon us and we want Coffee Hour to be a wonderful experience for you, your families, friends, and all of our visitors. Please sign up to help make this a lovely event. Thanks so much from Zoe and Laurell. parish-life@sainttimothysdanville.org

PLEASE NOTE!

The 8:00 p.m.
Great Vigil service on April 3rd
will have incense!





MARCH & APRIL GOD SQUAD EVENTS

Day trips:

Church of the Resurrection is hosting Ultimate Frisbee for all youth on Sunday, March 28. (4:00 - 7:00)

Middle schoolers are invited to join the trip down to Sky High Sports to jump on trampolines on Sunday, April 25. (Something for high schoolers is being planned.)



Big weekend trip:

April 8-11 in Los Angeles. We're going to eat dinner at Roscoe's House of Chicken & Waffles and then go see a taping of "The Soup" and meet the host on Thursday evening. Friday we're going to Disneyland or Universal Studios. Saturday we're going to the beach. Sunday we come home after church. We'll be staying at an Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach. The theme for the trip is Spirituality and Pop culture.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested or need more information.

Sharyn Mitzo

youth@sainttimothysdanville.org



Women of St. Timothy's Save the Date" Saturday, April 24 10:00 to 1:00

We will gather for a time of learning, sharing and eating together. This will be a great opportunity to get to know each other and ourselves a little better and enjoy a time of refreshment away from the busyness of life. Details will follow, but you will want to get this onto your calendar now. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Questions: contact Kathy Trapani, ktrapani@sainttimothysdanville.org.

Tidings Deadlines for 2010

Date article must be submitted by 12	Publication Date
April 9	<i>April 15</i>
April 23	<i>April 29</i>
May 7	<i>May 13</i>
May 21	<i>May 27</i>
June 4	<i>June 10</i>
June 18	<i>June 24</i>

March 19, 2010



Your Money or Your Life

Recently I got a surprise that reminded me of the mugger who accosted Jack Benny with a gun and the demand, “Your money or your life!” The crook shook his pistol and became impatient waiting for a response from the notoriously cheap tightwad. “I’m thinking, I’m thinking....” Benny begged.

Who would not give up their money to save their life! Yet both are at our disposal—our money AND our life. We are stewards of both, our dollars and our days.

My recent surprise was the way that one parishioner has chosen to leverage these gifts of life and wealth. Since she will soon have to begin taking out minimum required distributions from her retirement plan, she decided to use these taxable distributions to pay the annual premium on a \$100,000 life insurance policy that will benefit both her parish and Episcopal Charities.

Here’s the next wrinkle in her charitable strategy: by making the Diocese the owner of the policy and by contributing annual checks to the Diocese to cover the insurance premiums, she will gain a tax deduction for the amount of the premium—which will help to offset the income taxes due on the required distribution.

If this sounds complicated, it is not at all. It is perfectly straightforward, perfectly legal, and perfectly beneficial for both the church and the donor.

There is a simpler way of turning a life insurance policy into a significant charitable gift: just make the church the beneficiary of either the whole death benefit or a percentage. To do this with an existing policy, request a “Change of Beneficiary” form from the insurance company. But if premiums are still due on the policy and you are interested in tax deductions, please give me a call.

Shrewd stewards may be generous stewards.

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP
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50+ Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Couples married or partnered fifty years or more. This year's celebration will include professional photographs of the couples, Evensong, a renewal of wedding vows, followed by a reception and entertainment. Please contact Bea in the parish office to sign you up for a formal invitation! 837-4993 x10

When: Sunday, June 13, 2010, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

Contact: Bea and get your name on the list the **deadline for sign-ups is April 8th**

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