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A Message from Deacon Gary

Dear Holy Apostles friends,

This month I want to dedicate our ARChive column to the memory of Msgr. Ray Barton, founding co-pastor of Holy Apostles:

"We all lost a giant. May his memory be eternal!" Words of pastor Father John Manuel of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, in VB on hearing of Msgr. Barton's death, September 17th – referring to Msgr Barton being a giant in the area of ecumenism.

Msgr. Barton was born and grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia. He graduated from Holy Cross School in 1958 and entered St Bernard Seminary in Birmingham, Alabama. He continued his college education at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Emmittsburg, Maryland, where he graduated and went on to earn two master's degrees.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 14, 1966. As a young priest, Father Barton was first assigned to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, after which he served on the faculty of St. John Vianney High School Seminary in Richmond from 1968-1973.

He was then appointed pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Norfolk, where he served from 1973-1977.

In 1977, Fr. Barton, along with Episcopalian priest, The Rev. Donald Gross, became the first co-pastors of the Church of the Holy Apostles. He served in this position until 1989.

Father Barton was then assigned as pastor of Holy Comforter Parish in Charlottesville from 1989-1999. While at Holy Comforter, in 1996, Fr Barton was named Vicar for Ecumenism, a position he held until 2010. In January 1997, Father Barton was honored with the title "Monsignor" because of his years of dedicated service and contributions to the Church.

It was also during this period that he co-authored the State LARC Covenant. LARC was an acronym for Lutheran, Anglican, and Roman Catholic. All the Virginia Bishops from the three denominations committed to work together for the promotion of state-wide ecumenical projects. In the 2000s, United Methodist Bishops signed the Covenant as well, and the acronym was changed to LARCUM. (Deacon Gary's message is continued on page 10.)

We choose love over division, unity over separation and Christ above all things.

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There is a lot of work to be done for the kingdom of Christ, but few people willing to do the work (Matthew 9:37). Don't be afraid to simply start serving; there is a place for you. As you serve, trust that God will equip you, guide you, and give you joy for the work. Find delight in doing the things He has planned for you (Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 3:17, 23).



Highlights from Vestry Council Meeting

Financial Update: August 2022

YTD Income: \$ 145,214.48 YTD Expenses: \$ 151,398.65 YTD Excess: \$ - 6,184.17 August Income: \$ 11,877.27 August Expenses: \$ 18,284.66 August Net Income (loss): \$ -6,407.39

- The Fall Fling fundraiser sums will be forthcoming.
- Fr. Mario is holding midweek Eucharistic services at 9:10am on Tuesdays and 12:10pm on Wednesdays.
- Fr. Mario is looking into holding bilingual services with other churches in the VB area.
- Fr. Mario is trying to secure a date in October or November for Megan Dern, missioner for Youth & Samp; Young Adults, to visit Holy Apostles.
- Theology on Tap (ToT) is the 1 st Tuesday of the month.
- The old playground area needs to be landscaped to divert water away from the building. Landscapers will be contact for estimates.
- Adult Christian Formation will begin Sunday, October 16th, after fellowship.
- Bible Study is meeting on Tuesday mornings.
- "Just Faith Sacred Land" started Monday, September 19th . The program goes from 6-8pm and will run for 8 weeks.
- Discussion continues on updating the wall behind the ambo. The ad hoc committee will move forward as soon as
 money is appropriated from the Fall Fling fundraiser. The use of Capital Improvement funds to support the renovation was discussed.
- A Fuel & Earney; Hunger grant has been applied for by Social Ministry for 2022-2023.
- Our 45th anniversary celebration will be held Sunday, October 30th. Refreshments will be served starting at 3pm and an Evening Prayer service will begin at 4pm. Msgr. Joe Lehman, Richmond Diocese Ecumenical Liaison Officer, will be attending. An invitation has also been extended to Rev. Thomas Hayes, the Episcopal diocese's Ecumenical Liaison Officer. A group photo will be taken at the conclusion of the service.
- Elections of VC members and committee liaison representatives are as follows:
 - o President Steve Stanley and Warden Whitney McDaniel
 - o Fellowship: Bonnie Startt & Donnie Startt & St
 - o Administration: Anna Crosby & David Dickerson
 - o Social Ministry: Charlie Mills & Damp; Steve Stanley
 - o Liturgy: Whitney McDaniel & Daniel &
 - o Christian Formation: Joann Mancuso & Donnie Startt
- The Welcoming & Hospitality Task Force will meet Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Safe Church training was attended by Whitney McDaniel and Bonnie Startt. A local Safe Church meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

VESTRY COUNCIL RETREAT UPDATE:

The Vestry Council retreat will now be held at Holy Apostles

on Saturday, October 1 from 8:45am to 2:00 pm.

(We will NOT be meeting in Sandbridge.)



We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on the first Sunday of each month.

Join us for cake after Worship on Sunday, October 2.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Marty Rucker	2	Chelsea Robbins	10
Greta Claunch	2	Celeste Romero	10
James San Giacomo	3	Nick Mojica	23
Katy Fabila	6	Maureen McGrath	24
Brent McDaniel	6	Daniel Corcoran	25
Kathy Lowe	8	Marcia Hackett	25
		Ray Iglecia	29



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Anna and Roger Crosby (39th)	Oct 9
Nick and Kim Nichter (23rd)	Oct 9
Nicholas and Barbara Kimpan (19th)	Oct 19
Daniel and Bonnie Corcoran (49th)	Oct 20

Mark Your Calendars

Oct 1	Vestry Council Annual Retreat, Holy Apostles from 8:45 AM to 2 PM		
Oct 4	Bible Study at 10 AM		
Oct 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Blessing of the Animals at 4 PM	Every Week	
Oct 4	Theology on Tap, Pleasure House Brewery at 6:30 PM	ř	
Oct 4	Yom Kippur Eve at 7:30 PM, Rabbi Zoberman	<u>Tuesdays</u>	
Oct 5	Yom Kippur Day 10:30 AM to noon and 4 PM to 6 PM	-	
Oct 11	Finance Council at 5 PM	Bible Study @ 10 AM	
Oct 12	Liturgy Committee at 11 AM	• 0	
Oct 16	Adult Formation starts after Worship	Zumba Gold @ 1 PM	
Oct 18	Vestry Council at 6:30 PM	\bigcup	
Oct 23	Social Ministry at 9:30 AM	*Please note that the last Zumba class will be on Oct. 25	
Oct 23	Mangia Qui at 1 PM	Zumba class will be on Oct. 25	
Oct 25	Final Zumba Class at 1 PM	Thursdays	
Oct 30	Church of the Holy Apostles 45th Anniversary Celebration	<u>1 Hursuays</u>	
	Reception @3PM, Evening Prayer Service @4 PM	PLARN 9 AM to 11 AM	



Donations, Volunteering and Thanks



Vestry Council is establishing a **Welcoming and Hospitality Task Force** that will focus on welcoming new members to our church. We are looking for motivated parishioners who would like to help shape the greeter and newcomer ministries.

Kickoff Meeting is Sunday, October 2 @9:30 AM

Please contact Whitney McDaniel or Matt Wood.





AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES



Crafts and jewelry are handmade in Kenya and will be on sale **November 6th & 13th** before and after worship service.

Money collected from the sale of these items is used to provide Drip Irrigation Kits to families in East Africa. These kits enable them to grow enough food all year round for people and livestock. Also, more than one million orphans need to be cared for in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. They are supported by African Team Ministries and the sale of these crafts and jewelry.

Please make checks payable to African Team Ministries. We also accept AMEX, VISA & MASTERCARD.

Thank you for your support.



EDMARC Hospice for Children helps seriously ill children, and their families face overwhelming challenges during a difficult time. EDMARC seeks to ease the trauma of a child's illness or death. EDMARC provides nursing, perinatal care, bereavement, patient, and family support to over 70 children a day.

This year, we will collect food and monetary donations to provide Holiday Food Baskets for three large families (more than 6 people each).

A shopping list and sign-up sheet will be on an easel in the church hallway.

We will begin collecting food and monetary donations from November 6^{th} – December 4^{th} . Please drop off items at church Mon – Thurs, 9 AM -3 PM, or on Sundays.

If you write a check, please write EDMARC in the memo line.

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Please contact Kim Nichter (757-650-9087) if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.









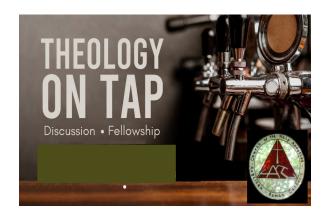
Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee Sale

Holy Apostles Children's Outreach Ministry will be selling fair trade chocolate and coffee on December 11th. This is a rare opportunity to feel good about eating and buying chocolate. Fair Trade means the Cocoa Farmers are given a fair price for their crop, the manufactures pay their workers a livable wage, and you, as the consumer, get a great bar of chocolate without the guilt. Stop by the sales table at church and try all the delicious flavors! This year we are also selling coffee for all you coffee drinkers.





Fellowship



Tuesday, Oct 4th @6:30 pm
Topic: Miracles
Pleasure House Brewing
2032 Pleasure House Rd, VB



Thursday PLARN Group Works Together - Join PLARN each Thursday 9 am to 11 am. Plarn is the process of turning grocery bags into yarn. There are five steps before the crocheting can begin. Five Plarn mats have been crocheted for sleeping bags for the homeless. Please join us for conversation and laughter while making a difference.

Picnic — The Hampton Roads Catholic Singles Club is hosting a



picnic on Sunday, Oct 2nd at 1 PM, Sandy Bottom Nature Park, Hampton. The picnic will be in Shelter 1.

Chicken, soft drinks, and picnic items will be provided. If you would like to attend RSVP to 757-898-6991 or email wmee1@cox.net



Interchurch Families Bringing Our Churches 70 Unity Through Love

Daily Word

"Interchurch families live on the cutting edge of our Christian Church for that unity prayed for by Christ. You are a sign to the world of what can be achieved in the love of Christ, despite the differences that exist. There is a heroism in your faith and love that inspires those of us privileged to witness it as a fellow members of the body of Christ." —from the letter of John Bathersby, Archbishop of Brisbane, at the International Conference of Interchurch Families held at Newcastle, NSW, Australia, 2005.

Link to Website

Stay Connected

Click <u>here</u> or on the YouTube icon to access the Church of the Holy Apostles YouTube page.



One Worship Service; Two Liturgies BEGINS AT 10:30 a.m. watch on Facebook Live

We were established 44 years ago to be a symbol of ecumenism honoring both the Roman Catholic and Episcopal traditions. We have One Worship Service with Two Liturgies. Our worship is designed for you to experience both traditions. As a sign of our commitment to Christian unity, we ask everyone to remain for both liturgies.



Membership / Outreach

"Care for Creation Corner"

This is a good time of the year to perform an eco-friendly home audit. In doing so, there are 3 main things to take into consideration that influence our carbon footprint. 1. ENERGY CONSUMPTION. The average home is filled with objects that consume energy and-depending on the source of your electricity-generate emissions. Besides your electronics and appliances, there are other factors that also indirectly contribute to increasing your energy output. For example, windows can play a part in how much energy you use. A poor seal around your windows can result in your HVAC system working harder, which means more energy use. Houses with few windows typically get little sunlight reducing the heat your house can absorb in the cold months. Your water usage can also affect your electric bill. Hot water requires electricity. So, the more hot water you use to wash the dishes, do laundry(cold water works) or take a shower, the more your water heater is going to consume.

- 2. WASTE PRODUCTION. The world generates more than 2 billion tons of municipal solid waste annually; at least 33% of that is not managed in an environmentally safe manner. When solid waste is dumped in landfills, it generates emissions. MSW landfills are the 3rd-largest source of human-related methane emissions, which is considered 25% times more potent than carbon dioxide. Plastic waste is a massive problem in itself! More than a million tons of plastic enter the oceans everyday, polluting the water and threatening the lives of marine animals. A closer look at how much waste we produce in our households is extremely important. Anything from food and clothing to the packaging that comes with our groceries can add up. Reducing our waste output can make a huge difference in the carbon emissions we generate in our daily lives.
- **3. PURCHASES.** The materials used in your home or the products you buy can also indirectly contribute to pollution. Not all brands use eco-friendly materials in the manufacturing and packaging of their products. It is necessary to support more sustainable brands and opt, as much as possible, for products that do not contain toxic materials that can harm the environment and add emissions to the atmosphere. Choosing to not support harmful companies is also a great way to motivate them to adopt more sustainable approaches.

The bottom line is keeping ourselves mindful of how we are living and how our behaviors are having consequences on the environment. Along with that we need to educate ourselves about what impacts the environment negatively/positively through watching TV and video programs and reading articles or books

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Material in this article is taken from the article, "3 Things to Look For When Performing an Eco-Friendly Home Audit," published in *earth.org* on *July 12, 2022*



A Message from Deacon Gary continued.....

From 1999, until his retirement in 2011, Msgr. Barton served as pastor of St. Nicholas parish.

In 2006, while at St. Nicholas, he was appointed President of the Virginia Council of Churches (the first Catholic to hold that position). That same year he received the Faith in Action Award from the Council.

Msgr. Barton will always remain in the hearts of his many friends and parishioners, especially those at Holy Apostles. When asked what they remember most about Msgr. Barton it was how well he related to others.

Rest In Peace Ray Barton!

Deacon Gary



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