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Sunday Worship

10:30 am

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3rd Tuesday of the month.



A Message from Deacon Gary

Dear Holy Apostles' Friends,

Normally when I write for the ARChive, I focus on the future – what is anticipated in the next month, however, this time I am going to look back at April because it was such a unique, active month.

April started off with Holy Week, the most solemn (and busy) liturgical week of the year. Palm Sunday (4/2) with the blessings of the palms and the procession into church, which adds a sense of solemnity to the ordinary start of our regular Sunday service. Holy Thursday Mass (4/6) was a little shaky, not because of the washing of the feet, but because our presider, Father Mark Wenzinger from St. Gregory's, had a medication reaction and there were times we weren't sure he would make it through the Mass. It was also on this day that our Office Manager Kaleena was admitted to the hospital for observation. As we prayed for her recovery, behind the scenes the staff and volunteers were scrambling as bulletins and binders needed to be assembled for the Easter Vigil and Easter morning services. The afternoon of Good Friday was a beehive of activity to get everything done. The most immediate need was getting bulletins assembled. It turns out that our music minister Cliff (with some help from Bookkeeper Lynne) had some experience with Publisher software, and for the most part, members did not see a significant difference in the output.

The next Tuesday (4/11) was a regularly scheduled Finance Council meeting. The significant topic discussed and recommended for Vestry Council's approval was the resurfacing of the parking lot. This is a large Capital Improvement project which the community has been saving for since the installation of the roof, almost five years ago. Three bids had been provided and a recommendation was made by the Admin Committee which was accepted. The Vestry Council at their meeting on Thursday (4/13) concurred with the Admin Committee's recommendation and accepted Finance Council's input. By Friday (4/28) our parking lot was resurfaced. [Continue to page 11](#)

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

May	7	14	21	28
WORSHIP COORD.	A. Whyte	A. Whyte	A. Whyte	A. Whyte
GREETER	J. Flower	J. Flower	J. Flower	J. Flower
LECTOR	B. Startt	L. Carpenter	N. Ragland	N Nichter
READER	L. Startt	B. Kimpan	T. Frey	A. Whyte
CATHOLIC EUCHARISTIC MIN.	Dec. Gary	Dec. Gary	J. Flowers	Dec. Gary
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	A. Whyte	B. Startt	D. Dickerson	N. Ragland
ACOLYTES	W & B McDaniel	B Hormuth	N Nichter	T Frey
ALTAR GUILD	L. Startt	Nichter/Lowe	S. Delaney	H Frey
COUNTERS	L. Startt / K. Meek	M. Cherwa/ S.Stanley	K. Nichter/ P. Russo	L. Pace / M. Meehan
PRAYER TEAM	Mary Noyes/Anne Champion	Susie Delaney/ Annette Cherwa	Bonnie Startt/Patty Salisbury	Ann Delaney/Mary Noyes

June	4	11	18	25
WORSHIP COORD.	G. Leighton	G. Leighton	G. Leighton	G. Leighton
GREETER	K. Lowe	K. Lowe	K. Lowe	K. Lowe
LECTOR	N. Ragland	J. Lucas	D. Dickerson	J. Blessing
READER	L. Carpenter	C. Mills	G. Leighton	A. Cherwa
CATHOLIC EUCHARISTIC MIN.	Dec. Gary	Dec. Gary	Dec. Gary	J. Flowers
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	A. Cherwa	N. Ragland	C. Mills	B. Startt
ACOLYTES	B. Hormuth	W & B McDaniel	T. Frey	N. Nichter
ALTAR GUILD	Lowe	Startt	S. Delaney	Nichter
COUNTERS	L. Startt / P. Russo	M. Cherwa / M. Meehan	K. Nichter / M Mills	G. Leighton / S. Stanley
PRAYER TEAM	Anne Champion/ Susie Delaney	Bonnie Startt/ Annette Cherwa	Kathy Lowe/Patty Salisbury	Ann Delaney/Mary Noyes



Highlights from Vestry Council Meeting

Financial Update: April 2023

2023 Income:	\$ 67,815.58	March Income:	\$ 19,587.10
2023 Expenses:	\$ 58,797.37	March Expenses:	\$ 21,170.74
2023 Excess:	\$ 9,018.21	March Net Income (loss):	\$ -1,583.64

- ♦ Church funds for the operating budget for the month of March are in the red this month. Thankfully one family donated their entire pledge for the year in April. Finance council still suggests Holy Apostles try to raise money for the parking lot improvement that is needed.
- ♦ Vestry approved a bid with All States Contracting, LLC for the parking lot improvement project.
- ♦ Fr. Mario - will be on a short hiatus from clerical duties but will be here every Sunday for a mass celebration.
- ♦ Deacon Gary wanted to thank all who helped on Good Friday with Mass and coordinating readings and flyers for the Saturday and Sunday Masses.
- ♦ Holy Apostles will be celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sunday, April 16 and April 30.
- ♦ Mary & Erwin Thomas will be here June 2nd for Mass celebrations.
- ♦ Dc. Gary will be off May 21st and June 25th.
- ♦ There will be another Lector Workshop, April 22, and May 13, 2023.
- ♦ Holy Apostles Parish Retreat will be June 3rd, 9am to 3pm. Lynne Larson and Whitney McDaniel and Canon Willis Foster are in contact on ideas and procedure. Lunch will be provided by HA.
- ♦ Lynnhaven River Now has recognized CHA as a Pearl Faith Community.
- ♦ Planning for this summer's Fire and Ice Adult Christian Formation series is in progress
- ♦ We are still on the list for an AED and are waiting for the Grant approval to process.



May Celebrations

Julian Kremer	2	Elena Granados	18
Anna Crosby	3	Peter Koch	18
C. Dao	8	C. Stanley	18
Mary Thomas	10	Kevin Meek	23
Teresa Meadows	11	Tevin Clark	25
Teresa Stanley	11	Brittney Hormuth	25
Steve Stanley	14	Tim Mitchell	26
Michael Stover	15	Michael Meehan	29
Mary Ward	17	Barbara VanHeest	29



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frey – May 14, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Russo – May 16, 1987

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Romero – May 27, 1972

We will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, May 7th. Join us after worship services in the Fellowship Hall for cake.



ONLINE GIVING - NEW JOURNEY, NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW GOALS.



Help sustain our church with Online Giving. As we journey through winter and prepare for spring, we remain dedicated to our church's mission. Faithful giving allows Holy Apostles to grow and thrive. Online Giving helps support our church with your donations, payments, and pledges. Set up your account today.

Mark Your Calendars

Wed, May 3	Executive Committee Mtg. 5:40 pm
Sat, May 6	Lector/Reader Workshop and Appreciation Brunch 10:00 am - Noon (<i>Attendance is required for all new lectors/readers.</i>) Episcopal Lay Ministry Training St. George's Church in Newport News 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Sun, May 7	5th Sunday of Easter Liturgy 10:30 am Join us for cake to celebrate May Birthdays & Anniversaries Quarterly Committee Co-Chair & Liaison Mtg. 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Wed, May 10	Liturgy Committee Meeting 11:00 am Utility Assistance 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Thurs, May 11	Vestry Council Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Sun, May 14	6th Sunday of Easter Liturgy 10:30 am
Tues. May 16	ARCHive Submission Deadline
Sun. May 21	7th Sunday of Easter Liturgy 10:30 am Caregiver Support Group after Worship
Wed, May 24	Utility Assistance 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sun, May 28	Pentecost Sunday 10:30 am Lunch at Mangia Qui 1:00 pm
Sat, June 3	Parish Retreat 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Every Week:

Tuesdays

Bible Study at
10 am

2nd and 4th Wednesday

Utilities

5/10 & 5/24

Thursdays

PLARN
9 am to 11 am



Save the Date for Holy Apostles' Annual Parish Retreat with guest facilitator/speaker, The Reverend Willis Foster, Canon for Diversity and Transformation with the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Saturday June 3, 2023.
9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Further details will be shared via email.



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).



Donations, Volunteering and Thanks



PLARN Group Works Together

Join Plarn each Thursday from 9am to 11 am. Plarn is the process of turning grocery bags into yarn. There are six (6) steps before crocheting may begin. The donated bags are flattened, cut, snapped, tied and then rolled into PLARN balls for crocheting into mats. Each mat takes 500 to 700 plastic bags to complete and is very labor intensive. A total of 20 PLARN mats have been crocheted for sleeping bags and given to People in Need (PiN) for the homeless. PiN values prayer and creative approaches to helping the homeless of Hampton Roads. Please join us for conversation and laughter while making a difference. We are still in need of plastic grocery bags. Please leave the bags in the nursery on the table.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will meet on the third Sunday of the month after the Sunday liturgies..

- * We will simultaneously have a group for your loved ones who might be at Church with you, in a different classroom.
- * We would like for this group to not only provide information on resources available to you, but also give you the opportunity to share among yourselves the frustrations and concerns you have as caregivers.

Please feel free to email Joann at jbcch@aol.com with questions you would like answered, presentations you would like us to bring in, and any other thoughts you have for the group.

Manna Closet



Thank you everyone who continues to contribute to our MANNA closet.

We are fully stocked with spices, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, rice and dried beans.

We are currently in need of the following items

Canned meats
Boxed macaroni and cheese
Condiments including salad dressings, ketchup and mayonnaise.

Monetary donations are always kindly appreciated



Membership / Outreach



20th Annual
Church of the Ascension –
Youth of Ascension
Golf Classic
May 12, 2023
Heron Ridge Golf Club

**ENTRY FEE: \$125.00/
player**

Entry covers green fees, cart rental, range balls, lunch, refreshments and awards dinner/reception.

Registration and additional information can be found at <https://yoagolf.dojiggy.com/b02ddd9/regPages/pages/?p=205987>

LOCATION/DATE

Friday, May 12, 2023
Heron Ridge Golf Club
Virginia Beach, Virginia

REGISTRATION

10:30 am

LUNCH AND RANGE BALLS

11:00 am

TOURNAMENT PLAY

Shotgun start at Noon

AWARDS/DINNER

5:30 pm

FORMAT

Scramble/Captain's Choice

PRIZES

Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams

- Closest to the Pin Contest
- Longest Drive Contest
- Lots of great raffle prizes

Direct donations for Ascension Youth Groups also accepted.



Holy Apostles has pledged with Lynnhaven River Now to become a Pearl Faith Community, to help restore the health of our sacred waterways and protect them for future generations. Within one year, we will make a difference inside our building, make a difference outside on our grounds, and make a difference with an educational activity. Check out lynnhavenrivenow.org to see other area LARCUM churches who've made the pledge.



Richard G. and Patrizia Z. have started work to transform our raised garden beds into a butterfly garden. Curious about "lasagna gardening"? Want to learn more about butterfly-friendly plants and help with creating and tending? We'd love to have you join us! See Richard, Patrizia, or any Vestry Council member for details.



Ecumenism

Interchurch Families

Bringing Our Churches To Unity Through Love



[Read More](#)

“Interchurch families are of many different kinds. Within each group is unique and true pastoral care will treat them as such.”

from Ruth Reardon in *What do we mean by Interchurch families?*

The Daily Word is taken from the below website.

interchurchfamilies.org

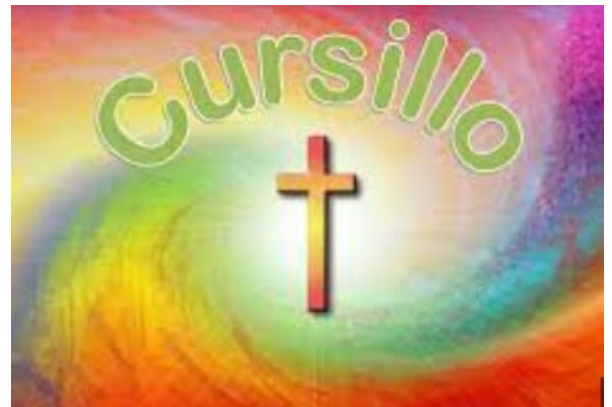


The Diocese of Richmond would like to announce their Second Spanish Cursillo weekends.

The women's Cursillo weekend will be from 6/23 to 6/25/2023 and the Men's Cursillo weekend will be from 8/24 to 8/27/2023. Both Cursillo weekends will be held at the St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center at 620 Buckroe Avenue, Hampton, Virginia 23664.

We would like to request your help to spread the word about it. Cursillo is a course in Christianity and a tool for the Catholic church to evangelize.

Please contact Linda Estepa at 757-374-2493 or email her at cursillistador@protonmail.com with questions.



[Spanish Flyer](#) [English Flyer](#)



Ecumenism

Prayer Partner Group



Healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel every Sunday at 10:20 am. If you would like to request prayers, please contact a member of our prayer team: Bonnie Startt, Annette Cherwa, Patty Salisbury, Mary Noyes, Anne Champion, Kathy Lowe, Ann Delaney and Susie Delaney

Contact Bonnie Startt if you are interested in being part of the Prayer Partner Group.

The Social Ministry Committee invites you to participate in an upcoming ecumenical collaborative



You are cordially invited!

Please consider saying yes to becoming a volunteer for **Open Table**! Open Table is a transformative program that provides volunteers a way to invest their own social and relational capital in the lives of others to help them achieve the better lives they envision for themselves.

Together we can eradicate poverty in our community through sustainable and trusting relationships. The Interfaith Alliance at the Beach is hosting a volunteer training on **Thursday evenings, 6pm-8pm from April 20-May 25**. Volunteers are onboarded through the Department of Human Services. To register for this training, please use the link below and select Open Table as your preferred assignment:

<https://www.volgistics.com/appform/896876434> . Alice Testerman, Human Services Volunteer and Community Engagement Coordinator, will then contact you to complete the process. You can reach Alice at 757-477-6884, or Teresa Stanley at 757-286-5858, for any questions or additional information.

Five years ago, Holy Apostles was a founding collaborator among several LARCUM churches. For details, ask any Holy Apostles member who has served on a table: Mike and Annette Cherwa, Norma Ragland, Jackie Lucas, Elizabeth Dickerson, Holly Frey, Lynne Graham, Ann Champion, Whitney McDaniel, Teresa Stanley, or Kim Nichter.



First Communion

Three of our youth received the sacrament of First Holy Communion in April.

Carter and Emma received First Communion on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Jillian received First Communion on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Congratulations to Carter, Emma and Jillian!





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The following Sunday (4/16), we were blessed with Carter Dao and Emma Perez receiving their First^t Holy Communion. A reception was held after the service; a happy occasion for sure.

That Wednesday (4/19), we were shaken with the sudden death of Don Ashby (Kay's husband). Although Don was not a member of Holy Apostles, Kay is a dear member and her sudden loss, impacted us all. Don's funeral was held at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Sandbridge (4/22).

Almost before we could process Don's passing, Bob Martin, our longtime bookkeeper passed away the next Wednesday (4/19) after a long illness. Bob could only be classified as a "one-of-a-kind", some might say cantankerous, but the stories he could tell – most of them true – I think [smile]. Bob will be missed and will be honorably laid to rest in the future at Arlington National Cemetery, an honor he justly deserves.

We continue to pray for both Kay and Anne, as well as their families.

On Friday (4/21) Rabbi Zoberman held his monthly Shabbat service. Because Christian Easter, Muslim Ramadan and the Jewish Passover overlapped this year, Rabbi Zoberman opted to hold his Shabbat service later in the month and focus the service on the 75th anniversary of the holocaust.

I'll end on a happy note – Sunday (4/30) Jillian Wood made her 1st Holy Communion. Dad, Matt, is already stationed on the West Coast and was able to return for Jilly's big day. At the same service, the Wood's family was presented with the Holy Apostles' Jefferson Cup – the parting gift for members who have contributed significantly to Holy Apostles. We already miss Matt and will be sad when the whole family moves west after school is out.

I want to acknowledge all the wonderful members who stepped forward during April to assist the staff in getting necessary tasks done, so that although we were somewhat "staff challenged", for those looking from the outside in, it seemed like business as usual. It was you, the members, that made that happen! THANK YOU!!!

Deacon Gary



Vestry Council Liaisons

Administration: Anna Crosby & David Dickerson
Christian Formation: Joann Mancuso & Bonnie Startt
Fellowship: Bonnie Startt & Richard Giffin
Liturgy: Joann Mancuso & Whitney McDaniel
Social Ministry: Charlie Mills & Steve Stanley
Finance: Mike Meehan

Committee Co-Chairs

Administration: Brent McDaniel & Kevin Meek
Christian Formation: Kay Ashby & Holly Frey
Children's Chapel: Barbara & Nicholas Kimpan
Bible Study: Ann Delaney & Norma Ragland
Fellowship: Gail Orland and Dona Mitchell
Liturgy: Nicki Felton & Lee Startt
Social Ministry: Kim & Nick Nichter
Christian Unity: Charlie Mills & Open
Finance Council: Grace Leighton, Lynn Pace, Phil Russo
Stewardship: Mike Cherwa & [Open]
Safe Church: Bonnie Startt & Deacon Gary
Health Equity: Andrea Whyte & Catherine Meléndez

Church of the Holy Apostles Annual Goals and Objectives 2022-2023

Goal 1: Be the active ecumenical leader and partner in our local community.

Look for at least two new opportunities to participate in and host ecumenical gatherings for shared formation (i.e.: JustFaith), worship, and prayer. Gather with as many neighboring churches as possible to participate in each event.

Goal 2: Share who we are and why we love Holy Apostles by increasing internal communications to parishioners and visitors and sharing external communications with the community.

Beginning in February, designate the first Sunday of each month as "Invite a Friend" day where parishioners invite friends, neighbors and/or family to attend a Sunday service.

Share a 'Holy Apostles Good News' story written by our Vestry Council and other parishioners on a monthly basis with our community.

Create a Holy Highlights ministry to feature parishioners and their stories.

Refine and implement the welcome/greeter ministry to be wholly in place by February.

Revitalize the newcomer ministry program to be wholly in place by April.

Work toward building safety and accessibility improvements with a plan in place by July.

Create an ad-hoc committee in February to reactivate a healing ministry.

Offer a monthly Caregiver Support Group to the community at large to provide emotional support, reduce social isolation, and be a source of additional resources.

Create a parishioner survey to present at the annual meeting in September.

Publicize Holy Apostles events and news via Constant Contact, the ARChive, and new and existing media outlets whenever possible.

Goal 3: Seek available grant money for community assistance, safety doors, and other needs to promote a healthy treasury and community.

Document existing grant programs used for community assistance

Seek at least two new programs connected to social justice, community health, safety, and accessibility.

Goal 4: Increase parishioner participation in stewardship activities.

Grow the Stewardship committee from one member to at least two members by March to promote time, talent, and treasure stewardship at Holy Apostles throughout the year.