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## A Message from Fr. Mario

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

Familia/family of Holy Apostles,

When The *Episcopal Network for Stewardship* was taking about the theme “Faith-Filled Generosity” for this year’s stewardship campaign, none of us could have known what this year would be like since it is so different from 2019. I need not remind you of the disruptions, losses, and anxieties that this year has brought to us in Virginia Beach and beyond.

I know that it has been both strange and difficult to conduct worship, meetings, and other related church gatherings via Zoom or Facebook Live. How many of us knew about Zoom a year ago? As we experienced weeks (and later months) of not being able to gather in person, the usual focus on weekly worship changed as we found ways to gather virtually, from doing Bible Study by Zoom to listening to Morning/Evening prayer by podcast. I am happy to say that the first episode of my new podcast **Reflection on Reflection** has been released as part of our virtual offerings.

Of course, all of these virtual offerings cannot fully replace the need and joy of our physical gatherings as the Body of Christ. I miss sharing the Blessed Sacrament with all of you and I also miss seeing your faces outside of the confines of a computer screen. Yet, I can say with all my heart: Gracias, thank you. I say thanks to each one of you doing your part in your homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, families, and here at Holy Apostles in so many new and creative ways.

Our reopening plan was approved by the Diocese of Southern Virginia and we can meet again on Sunday October 4th at 10:00 am. That same weekend, on Saturday, October 3 at 2 pm, we will have the **Blessing of the Animals**. As Deacon Gary suggested, this can be another way of doing "Coffee with Fr. Mario" so bring your furry friend, and have a cup of joe or tea. You can also bring a picture of your pet.

During the remainder of 2020 and as we enter 2021, we will explore the way that our generosity is inspired by our faith, how we are formed and led into relationship with each other as we share our gifts with the world. During the month of October, the reflection that is offered by Deacon Gary or myself at the end of the Roman Catholic Mass and Episcopal Holy Eucharist will be replaced by *A Stewardship Moment*. Parishioners are needed to speak each Sunday on October 4, 11, 18, and 25 remember that we have one of the friendliest audiences in Virginia.

Please don't forget to ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as you pray and reflect on the theme of “Faith-Filled Generosity.” How will you discover and use the gifts you have been given to help our church this year? How will you hear the Gospel call to seek and serve Christ in all people, and respond with generosity?

Paz,  
Fr. (Padre) Mario

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### Important Websites

[www.holyapostlesvb.org](http://www.holyapostlesvb.org)

Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
[www.richmonddiocese.org](http://www.richmonddiocese.org)

Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia  
[www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org)



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## Liturgy Volunteers

October	4	11	18	25
<b>LECTOR FOR LIVESTREAM</b>	D Dickerson	N Nichter	M Cherwa	A Delaney
<b>READERS FOR PODCAST</b>	P Salisbury J Arnold T Frey D Mitchell	J Lucas B Carpenter L Startt B Kimpan	J Blessing G Little P Russo N Ragland	J Flowers C Mills J Delaney B Startt
<b>COUNTERS</b>	P Russo S Stanley	L Start M Rucker	M Meehan C Mills	G Leighton K Nichter

## WORSHIP IN PERSON OR BY LIVESTREAM

On Sunday, October 4, we will re-gather for in person worship.

- **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**
- **FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED**
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED**

**SEATING IS LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE**

**Mass or Holy Eucharist; Sundays; 10 am  
on our Facebook page**

Go to Facebook and search Church of the Holy Apostles

### PRAY

**Sunday Evening Prayer Podcast**  
**Listen each Sunday at 5 pm or later**  
**Listen or Download**

[anchor.fm/holyapostles](https://podcasts.apple.com/.../church-of-the-ho.../id1505354042...)

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**Listen to our Newest Podcast**  
**“Reflection on Reflection”**

"Reflection on Reflection" is a bi-weekly series. In the first podcast, Fr. Mario offers a reflection and thoughts inspired by the readings from Scripture and the homily given at Church of the Holy Apostles on Sunday 9/6/2020.  
Listen on Anchor FM or Apple Podcast

**Just ask Alexa or your Google Assistant to "Play Church of the Holy Apostles Podcast"**

## Vestry Council Highlights August 25, 2020 by Zoom

### Finance Council Report: Treasurer - Mike Meehan Financial Update: August 25, 2020

YTD Expenses:       \$ 121,394  
YTD Income:         \$ 122,765  
YTD Excess/(Deficit): (\$ 1,371)

July Income         \$ 17,032  
July Expenses     \$ 15,402  
Income             \$ 1,630

- The financial situation is relatively stable at present, even taking into account the additional expenses incurred in July, we are still in the black for the month (thank you for your continued generosity!).
- A budget will be proposed for the Annual Meeting but will need to be revised once we reopen for public liturgies.
- As the COVID numbers are at present trending down, we are hopeful that we can re-gather, perhaps September 20<sup>th</sup> (the date was later revised to October 4<sup>th</sup>). Once we open we will continue to livestream the Sunday service and broadcast Sunday evening's podcast. Once public services are available, initially we will require reservations so we don't have to turn anyone away.
- Annual Meeting information will go out mainly via email (except for those who Dianne normally mails correspondence to). Fr. Mario has suggested a tutorial on Zoom prior to the meeting. Dianne will collect ballots and outgoing Vestry Council members will count them on the 13th.
- Fall Fling dates are the afternoon of Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> with the rain date Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme suggested is "Thanksgiving". It will be socially responsible with masks, social distancing and no food or drinks provided. Attendees will be asked to bring their own chairs. The entertainment will be Mike and Greg doing 20 minute sets and it's hoped Fr Mario will be the final act.
- There is a petition asking the community to sign in support of the Catholic-backed Black Lives and Racial Equity movement. The petition is planned to be presented on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. It will be available for signature at the Fall Fling.
- The Nomination Committee has accepted six applications for the five open seats on the Vestry Council. Since there are three candidates for the two open seats for the Catholics, each candidate has been requested to provide a photo and short biography so members will better know who is running. The ballot and bios will be sent out with the Annual Meeting packet.
- It was noted that general repairs are being made to the building but there may be a future problem with a sink hole in the parking lot.
- Hats and t-shirts are being printed with HA name and will be sold at the Fall Fling.
- Bob Martin has officially resigned as our bookkeeper due to health issues.
- The Samaritan House property sale is being worked at the diocesan level.

## New 2020-2021 Vestry Council

Congratulations to our newest Vestry Council members:  
Joann Mancuso, Whitney McDaniel, Charlie Mills, Kim Nichter, and Matt Wood

And we are grateful to the ministry of our outgoing members:  
Jane Tucker, Gail Orland, Bonnie Startt, Bonnie Hamilton, and Jim Byrd.

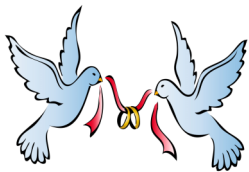
Mike Cherwa (RC 2022)	Whitney McDaniel (E 2023)
Jackie Lucas (RC 2022)	Andrea Whyte (E) 2022)
Carolyn Ferguson (E 2021)	Kim Nichter (E 2021)
Kay Ashby (RC 2021)	Charlie Mills (E 2023)
Joann Mancuso (RC 2023)	Matthew Wood (RC 2023)

Secretary - Julia Hatcher



### October Birthdays

Greta Claunch	2	Chelsea Robbins	10
Marty Rucker	2	Celeste Romero	10
James SanGiacomo	3	Daniel Romero	18
Kathleen Fabila	6	Nick Mojica	23
Brent McDaniel	6	Maureen McGrath	24
Kathy Lowe	8	Marcia Hackett	25
Teresita Meadows	9	P OGrady	26



### October Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crosby  
October 9, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kimpan  
October 19, 2002

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nichter  
October 9, 1998

**Prayer for a Birthday:** O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Prayer for a Wedding Anniversary:** We join these couples in their joy and gratitude for the blessings they are to each other. God set them among us as a sign of his love and perseverance; they have endured life's ups and downs yet remain committed. We give thanks for the favors you have bestowed upon them. May God keep them ever in love with each other. *Amen.*

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. *Amen. - BCP*

### Follow us on Social Media



We are using our website and social media to stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic and closure. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

- Facebook.com/church of the holy apostles
- Instagram.com/church of the holy apostles
- Twitter.com/theholypostles

## Supporting our Ministries and our Mission

Thank you for continuing to support our ministries and our mission. At this unprecedented time, we are doing our best to find new ways to stay connected with one another. Our goal is to continue to meet the spiritual, financial, and fellowship needs of our community.

We continue to be good stewards of your money and have implemented numerous cost cutting measures. The Finance Council and Executive Committee have put on hold all discretionary spending and projects. All expenses and purchases must be pre-approved by Fr. Mario or Deacon Gary until further notice.

If you normally give with an **offering envelope** in the Sunday collection, please consider continuing to give each week. **You may drop off your check or mail your checks to: Church of the Holy Apostles, 1593 Lynnhaven Pkwy, VB , VA 23453.**

This may be a good time to consider **Online Giving**. It is a safe, secure method to give and even earn credit card points. It is quick and easy to set up for a one time donation or regular offerings. The steps are:

1. Go to the Holy Apostles' website: [www.holyapostlesvb.org](http://www.holyapostlesvb.org)
2. Click on "Our Community"
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the **Online Giving** logo.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Deacon Gary (757) 735-2227 and he will help you.

Please let us know if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns. We are always available to help.

## Qualified Charitable Deductions over age 72

If you are 72 and have to take a Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA, you can give directly to a church or charity, and it will not be counted as income, in effect, an income tax deduction. Speak to your tax advisor about this Qualified Charitable Deduction that may be available for you, and have some of your Holy Apostles pledged giving still deliver some income tax relief! Contact Mike Meehan at [mikemnr@cox.net](mailto:mikemnr@cox.net) for more information.

## OUR CHURCH HOME

### Saturday Morning Men's Group

**Any time between 8 AM - 11 AM**

For many years, Saturday mornings have been a gathering time for Holy Apostles women - a time for fellowship, prayer, and discussion.

Now, the men of Holy Apostles have the same opportunity to gather at church on Saturday mornings any time between 8 am and 11 am.

Join us for this opportunity for fellowship and to help with church projects around the building and grounds.

Contact either Brent or Jim.

Brent McDaniel: [brent@beachautooutfitters.com](mailto:brent@beachautooutfitters.com); 757-375-2170

Jim Byrd: [bjbyrd1@verizon.net](mailto:bjbyrd1@verizon.net); 757-467-5150

## The Church Geek Corner by Fr. Mario



### Homily or Sermon?

The *sermon* relates to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ based on the readings from Holy Scripture, the liturgical occasion, a feast day, and the pastoral needs of the situation. Okay, what about a homily? A *homily* is a shorter sermon, and in the Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions it is part of the celebration of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

In my preaching I tend to use the *extemporaneous* style; it usually involves working from an outline and/or notes. Other preachers favor the *manuscript* style. They write out their homily/sermon exactly how they would preach it, word for word. At times, I may go for a hybrid model, where I may have a section in a few paragraphs that I want to read as written, and another section with notes.

By the way, the word *homily* is derived from the Greek *homilia*, or to have communion with a person, for example in First Letter to the Corinthians 15:33. In the Gospel of Luke 24:14, we find the word *homiloun*, and in Acts 24:26, *homilei*, both used in the sense of "speaking with". In Acts 20:11, we meet the term *homileas*; here it is used, for the first time, to signify a sermon in regards to the breaking of bread.

*Conversations are not canceled.*

*Love is not canceled.*

*Reading is not canceled.*

*Hope is not canceled.*

*Relationships are not canceled.*

*Songs are not canceled.*

*Self-care is not canceled.*

*God is not canceled.*

## OUR CHURCH HOME

### In our Prayers

*Pray for the sick especially Msgr. Ray Barton, Justin DeGroot, Harry Felton, Carolyn Ferguson, Colin & Bonnie Hamilton, Karen Harmeyer, Bob Martin, Ray Mireles, Mary Noyes, the Stanley family, Linda Wells, for inpatient children at CHKD, and all infected or in quarantine because of Covid-19.*

*Pray for those suffering job losses, those feeling isolated and frightened.*

*Pray for health care workers, especially Catherine Meléndez, Andrea Whyte, Kelly Hormuth.*

*If you want to place someone on the prayer list, please notify the office.*

### Interchurch Families

'If God is to be central, worship has to be central. For it is in worship that we express our deepest convictions about God and come before God's presence. This has shown me how important it is to experience one another's worship, for it is in its worship that each Christian community expresses its deepest reality and self-understanding. This affirms a basic instinct of interchurch couples that it is important to take part in the worship of the communities of both partners.' Peter Hocken in "Reflections Over Thirty Years" - Provided by Jean Koch [interchurchfamilies.org](http://interchurchfamilies.org)

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

### Utility and Rent Assistance

We provide \$50 once a year for residents of Virginia Beach who need assistance with their water, gas or electric bills and now, \$100 once a year for rent assistance. These funds are provided by the Discretionary Fund, grants from Catholic and Episcopal Dioceses and generous donations from members of Holy Apostles. Your donations to The Discretionary Fund are greatly appreciated. And many thanks to Nick Nichter for his ministry.

**Utility and Rent Assistance is provided the 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 1-3 pm.**

### Manna Pantry needs paper bags and financial donations

Our Manna Pantry food distribution program has reopened. In accordance with CDC and diocesan guidelines, the distribution will be done outside and embrace a full 'no-contact' model, with masks and social distancing. Thank you to our volunteer shoppers and food distributors. (Nicki and Harry Felton, Maria Mills, Sue Delaney, Ann Delaney, Mary Ward, Tess Meadows, Kathy Lowe, Pete Van Heest, Kelly Hormuth, Fran Dixon, Lynne Graham, Elizabeth Dickerson, Lee Startt, Harry Felton, Kim and Nick Nichter, Helen and Tony Asalone.) Your ministry is truly appreciated!

Currently, we need paper bags and monetary donations for Food Lion gift cards. Donations to the Manna Pantry can be made through online giving or by check. Please drop off food donations during office hours.

**Our next week for distribution is October 12-16.** Please let Jane Tucker know if you are willing and able to help with our Manna Pantry.

### Abuse and Neglect During COVID

With the COVID-19 crisis, we all must take an active role in monitoring child safety in their homes, neighborhoods and their communities. Inevitably, there will be children and young people, in the months to come, making disclosures of abuse, to trusted adults, once they feel safe, and when schools are back in session and churches are open. It's possible that the child may make the disclosure to you over your online communication, or that you may pick up on disturbing behavior or warning signs through that online communication. What you see, hear or observe may cause you to suspect one of the types of child abuse—physical abuse, neglect, emotional/psychological abuse or sexual abuse. If you need help or support:

Call the National Parent Helpline at 1-855-427-2736

- Call the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD or 800-422-4453
- Call Child Protective Service at 1-800-552-7096
- For suspicion, fear or concern of immediate abuse, please call 911
- To report suspected online sexual exploitation, contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-843-5678 or online at [www.cybertipline.org](http://www.cybertipline.org)

**Adults and the Elderly may also be at increased risk for abuse and neglect.**

- To report suspected elder abuse call 1-888-832-3858

**Human trafficking happens all over, in every community – even your own.** Children are especially vulnerable. In order to protect the children within your community, you have to understand the way traffickers work.

Although the abductions that we typically think about do happen on occasion (think the white van and baby snatching), they are not the most common way of being trafficked. Traffickers make their job easy by capturing victims with a grooming process.

Visit the National Child Protection Task Force or this link for more information and safety tips:  
<https://www.ncptf.org/post/unraveling-the-stages-of-grooming>

## Virtual Coffee Hour Saturday

We miss you  
and cant' wait to share a cup of coffee with you.  
Let's get together!

**Zoom Coffee Hour: Saturday  
2-3 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/571695320>  
Meeting ID: 571 695 320  
or  
Join by phone: (929) 205- 6099



October 10, 17, 24, 31

## Blessing of the Animals - October 3 @ 2 pm



Join us on  
**Saturday, October 3rd  
at 2 pm**  
in the shady garden at church for  
**A Blessing of the Animals.**

Bring your real pet, a photo of your pet,  
or your favorite stuffed animal.

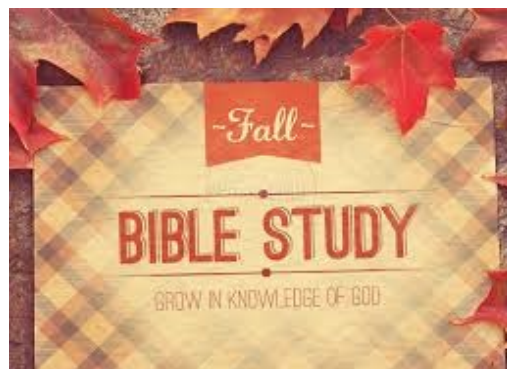
Bring your coffee and stay for conversation.

## Fall Zoom Bible Study - Wednesday @ 7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89147233853>  
Meeting ID: 891 4723 3853  
or Call  
1-929-205-6099

**Wednesday @ 7 pm  
October 7 & 21**

**Song of Songs/Song of Solomon**



**Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual and personal life,  
we welcome you to the Ecumenical Community of Holy Apostles.**



## Covenant for Regathering in Worship from Episcopal Dioceses

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry. In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, I will strive to:

### ***Love my neighbor as myself***

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part.
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am healthy and non-symptomatic with the novel coronavirus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant;

### ***Respect the dignity of every human being***

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six-foot or greater distance from others in the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others, even as restrictions are reduced.

### ***Seek and serve Christ in all people***

- Trust and support the decisions of our congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, email, video chat, or mail.

## A Catholic perspective on wearing masks from “St. Anthony Messenger”

Please understand this is just a synopsis of the article but we strongly suggest you go to the source and read the article yourself. Points Of View—Editorial by Susan Hines-Brigger

<https://info.franciscanmedia.org/st-anthony-messenger>

About the magazine “St. Anthony Messenger”: “Find comfort, connection, and inspirational stories in America's longest-running Catholic magazine. A magazine that's always current, beautifully illustrated, and right on target with the topics Catholics need to know more about. St. Anthony Messenger is inspiring reading for the modern Catholic whose beliefs are steeped in a rich, abiding tradition.”

The Article professes that to be “Pro Life “ you must wear a mask. Being Pro Life is not just about the issue of abortion, it is much broader meaning. where we protect all life including the most vulnerable and we take steps to protect them. The easiest way to do this is by wearing a mask in these COVID Days. It is time to move from **ME** centric to **WE** centric.

In the beginning there was some very misleading and contradictory information but as we learned more of the spread of COVID we understood the role that masks have in slowing the spread. It is your duty to protect your self, your family and your community. Please remember the old acronym “WWJD” (What Would Jesus Do)? Follow your heart; it is not a question of Civil Rights but of being Pro Life.

Copies of the complete article are available in the church office.

## October is Stewardship Month



*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19*

Our Stewardship theme for 2021 is a call to each one of us to be “generous and ready to share” so that our futures are secure and our lives are worth living. Taking hold of “the life that really is life” is something to which we all can aspire. That is a life filled with generosity based on our faith in a God who is generous in all things.

Each Sunday in the month of October, we will hear ~ **A Stewardship Moment** ~ a 4-5 minute story from a member on their relationship to Holy Apostles, its mission and ministries. (This will take the place of the Reflection offered by clergy)

Soon you will receive in the mail a 2021 Pledge form. Before you pledge your **time, talent, and treasure** for the upcoming year, we ask you to prayerfully consider these questions:

- ◆ What is your relationship with the Holy Apostles community, its mission and ministries?
- ◆ How has the pandemic affected your relationship with God and the Holy Apostles community?
- ◆ What ministry has been most helpful to you this year?
- ◆ What ministry of our congregation is the most hopeful or most exciting to you?
- ◆ Which of your gifts are you most willing to share with our church and our community?
- ◆ How will you support the mission and ministries of Holy Apostles in 2021?

Please take the weeks ahead to pray, learn, and consider how your generous response to God’s call has been shaped by Holy Apostles.

Kindly complete your 2021 Pledge of **time, talent, and treasure** and return your form to the office (by mail or email) or bring it to church on Dedication Sunday for the In-gathering of pledges.

***Dedication Sunday: All Saints’ Day, November 1, 2020 - Holy Apostles 43rd anniversary***

**Thank you for being a vital part of Church of the Holy Apostles and  
for your faithful, faith-filled gift to our future.**

### Holy Apostles’ Vision

We share a vision to be a visible sign of Christian Unity. We are:

- ◆ Eucharist centered
  - ◆ Intent on mission
- ◆ Involved in shared ministry
  - ◆ Creative in liturgy
- ◆ Expressive to Christian education and formation
  - ◆ Ecumenically optimistic

## 2020 Vestry Council Goals Summary

### Jane Tucker Summary of Annual Vestry Council Goals for the 2019-2020 Year

**Goal 1** – Expand the ecumenical mission of Holy Apostles by building relationships with the bishops of the Diocese of Richmond and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, and by continuing to support the 2019 LARCUM, the 2020 43rd Anniversary and our desire for a single service.

Actions Taken:

Participation in and host of the LARCUM conference in Hampton Roads on November 22-23, 2019

CHA Ecumenical Prayer Service in January 2020

Fr. Mario's work with Episcopal Bishop in his role in Latinx ministries

CHA participation in Bishop Haynes' consecration

CHA online presence reaching broader audience

Began process of working with both dioceses on the sale of CHA land to Samaritan House

Actions to be Taken:

2020 43rd Anniversary – Plans are uncertain at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Responsible parties: Liturgy, Christian Unity, Clergy and Vestry Council

**Goal 2:** Continue to reach out to people and their families within the community by 1. Fellowship committee events; 2. Greeters; 3. Follow-up with personal connections; 4. Welcoming and registering newcomers; and 5. Dinners

Actions Taken:

Most of the actions taken can be found in the Fellowship Committee's reports. There were a number of activities going on in January and February, including the CHA Retreat in February and the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Unfortunately, the COVID shut-down began in March and so plans related to in person fellowship activities, greeters, welcoming newcomers and dinners were put on hold.

CHA online presence – new way of Fellowship

Saturday Virtual Coffee Hour

Fall Fling Scheduled for Saturday September 26, 2020

Actions to be Taken:

Once we can begin in-person services, we can begin working again on this goal

Responsible parties: Newcomers, Social Ministry, Fellowship and Administration Committees

**Goal 3** – Explore an ecumenical plan to call and retain a minister to work with youth and young adults at Holy Apostles. (ODU: Newman Center and Canterbury House)

Actions Taken:

This is a goal that got waylaid by the COVID pandemic and should be revisited when doing the goal setting for 2020-2021

Responsible parties: Clergy and Vestry Council

**Goal 4** – Reach out to people and their families by establishing Holy Apostles as a location and resource for ecumenical teams

Actions Taken:

This is another goal that got waylaid by the COVID pandemic and should be revisited when doing the goal setting for 2020-2021

Responsible parties: Clergy and Vestry Council

### Summary

2020 was year like no other year our church and community has faced. The Vestry Council could not have anticipated the COVID pandemic when it formulated its goals at the retreat in October 2019. I think our Clergy, our staff, our Finance Committee, and our Vestry Council should be commended in how they have managed throughout this year. We have learned how to stream our worship services, conduct other types of gatherings virtually, plan for regathering under what will be a new norm for a while, and manage financially through this crisis.

## LARCUM DECEMBER 4-5, 2020

On December 4th and 5th, we will welcome Dr. Phillip Cary, internationally acclaimed expert on Augustine, scholar in-residence at the Templeton Honors College, professor of Philosophy at Eastern University and Editor-in-Chief of Pro Ecclesia to our online event. Dr. Cary will present "Being Formed by the Gospel in a Post-Christian Age: A proposal for the Church Catholic".

The LARCUM Conference has been held annually for more the 30 years in ecumenical communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. During this unprecedented time, our conference will be held virtually and will be presented in our traditional schedule format albeit via the internet. As a fruit of our limitations in the pandemic, we have become accustomed to meeting online and to dialogue in a different context. The result is that we can attend the LARCUM Conference without the cost of travel, and room/board and meals. Our only expense will be a stipend for our speaker and what is necessary to promote and host the online event – as a result we have lowered our Registration Fee to \$ 25 and as always Students attend FREE.

Our weekend online schedule will begin with a presentation Friday evening followed by the Worship of the Great Assembly. Saturday morning will begin with morning prayer, followed by two additional talks. An opportunity for questions and answers will be made available throughout, and before we close at noon.

Online Registration will open 25 September. Visit [www.virginialarcum.org](http://www.virginialarcum.org)

## Fr. Boat to travel home to Ghana

Fr. Boat will travel home to Ghana October 22 through November 25. He will be required to quarantine for two weeks upon his return to the U.S., so he'll be back at Holy Apostles after December 9. Fr. Ven Ilano will celebrate Mass while Fr. Boat is away. **Safe and happy travels Fr. Boat!**

## Flower Donations

The florist we used for our Altar Flower arrangements (Julianne Paulin) has married and moved out of the area. Julianne worked out of her home and was not affiliated with a floral shop. Walker Florist will provide arrangements for \$45. Fresh flowers at our altars are an expression of God and His nature. Celebrate a special day or a special person by dedicating flowers which you can take home after the service.

When we re-gather in church, if you would like to donate \$45 for a fresh floral arrangements, please send your donation and information to the church office. Fresh flowers will be provided only when a donation is made for a specific Sunday.

## New Bookkeeper

We are please to announce that Lynne Larson has accepted the position of bookkeeper.

She will begin on October 12, 2020