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Sunday Worship

10:30 am

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A Message from Deacon Gary

Dear Holy Apostles' friends,



I see this section of the ARChive somewhat as a time capsule of what's going on in the community on the date it was written and what's anticipated for the coming month. That way someone could look back at these ARChive columns and get some idea of important events.

As the picture implies, Holy Apostles was not only blessed to celebrate the baptism of Thomas Melendez, Father Mario's and Catherine's son, on Saturday, May 14th, but it was also blessed to have Bishop Susan Haynes here to celebrate the sacrament. It truly was an ecumenical celebration as well as an interfaith celebration where Rabbi Zoberman read the Old Testament reading and shared a few words.

The other major event occurring at the time of this writing is the bittersweet news of Dianne Marzec's retirement on June 30th. Dianne has been our office manager for the past 12 years and has done a stellar job. To find a replacement for her seems like mission impossible, but she reminds us, that before she arrived, they said the same thing about her predecessor's leaving. Pray that Holy Apostles will again be blessed with so capable of an individual.

Prior to the pandemic, what we did during our liturgical services was pretty much confined to the people in attendance. With the pandemic came livestreamed services that are carried to all parts of the world.

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

June	5 Pentecost (Wear Red)	12 Trinity	19	26
WORSHIP COORD.	G Leighton	G Leighton	G Leighton	G Leighton
GREETER	H Felton	H Felton	H Felton	H Felton
LECTOR	C Mills	T Frey	A Whyte	G Leighton
READER	J. Lucas	B Kimpan	M Meehan	A Cherwa
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	N Felton	B. Startt	D. Dickerson	C. Mills
ACOLYTES	T Frey	W&B McDaniel	T Frey	B Hormuth
ALTAR GUILD	Lowe	Startt	S Delaney	Frey
COUNTERS	L. Pace S. Stanley	G. Leighton P. Russo	L. Startt M. Mills	K. Nichter K. Meek

July	3	10	17	24	31
WORSHIP COORD.	M. Meehan	M. Meehan	M. Meehan	M. Meehan	M. Meehan
GREETER	J. Flowers	J. Flowers	J. Flowers	J. Flowers	J. Flowers
LECTOR	N. Nichter	J. Tucker	L. Startt	D Dicker- son	J. Flowers
READER	A. Whyte	P. Russo	B. Startt	J. Blessing	N. Ragland
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	N. Ragland	B. Startt	D. Dickerson	A. Cherwa	A. Whyte
ACOLYTES	Hormuth	McDaniel	Nichter	Frey	Hormuth
ALTAR GUILD	Nichter/Lowe	Startt	S. Delaney	Frey	Lowe
COUNTERS	L. Pace P. Russo	G. Leighton S. Stanley	L. Startt M. Meehan	M. Cherwa K. Meek	K. Nichter M. Mills

Appreciation Brunch and Refresher Workshop on June 18

The ministry of Lectors and Readers is vital to our church. Lectors and Readers are chosen and properly trained to read Holy Scripture and in the orthodox church, it is one of the minor orders in preparation for the priesthood. The ministry of the Word requires skill in public reading, knowledge of the principles of liturgy, and an understanding and love of the scriptures.

To show our appreciation, we invite all current and future Lectors and Readers to an **Appreciation Brunch and Refresher Workshop June 18 at 10 a.m.** Please sign up on the easel in the hallway.



Highlights from Vestry Council Meeting

Financial Update: April 2022

YTD Income:	\$ 82,648.59
YTD Expenses:	\$ 80,423.44
YTD Excess:	\$ 2,225.15
April Income:	\$ 25,442.21
April Expenses:	\$ 25,663.80
April Net Income (loss):	\$ -221.59

Vestry Council Meeting Highlights from May 17, 2022

- Church funds for the operating budget for the month of April was \$ -221.59. Money is needed for operating expenses.
- Net Operating has a loss of \$7500 as of VC meeting
- Need to encourage parishioners to donate to general operating account (offertory).
- Capital improvement continues to increase.
- Charlie Mills & Lee Startt are working on the audit this year
- Porter Memorial is disbursed twice a year for a specific amount.
- Fr. Mario will no longer be attending the July convention. Its only for voting members.
- Theology on Tap is the 1st Tuesday of the Month.
- Bible Study continues weekly on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening on Zoom.
- The Ad Hoc Committee update for the playground is tabled until next month.
- Christian Formation will wrap up on 3rd Sunday in May and will return in September.
- New class starting in the Fall at Holy Apostles- 8 weeks "Just Faith Sacred Land"
- Mail flyers will be issued this weekend to houses in Salem Woods area.
- Volunteers are needed for Saturday morning for maintenance projects.
- Ambo Wall under the direction of Ad-Hoc committee is getting estimates from contractors.
- At events Holy Apostles should have on the same shirts so we stand out in a crowd
- Dianne will retire on June 30. The job has been posted. A retirement celebration is being planned.
- Kitchen ovens need replacing. The Fall Fling and a Flea Market could bring in funds for this expense.
- The 45th anniversary is only 6 months away. Contact Jackie Lucas for details.
- Liturgy budget and Fellowship budget was mentioned due to the Anniversary later this year
- Thomas Melendez was baptized on May 14. Many thanks to Bishop Susan Hayes, Rabbi Zoberman, Deacon Gary, and the Fellowship committee.

For pastoral care, please call or email your clergy

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Deacon Gary: 757-735-2227 - garyharmeyer@gmail.com

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



Vestry Council 2021-2022 Annual Goals:

Christian Unity Goal:

To investigate and develop a cohesive and ecumenically-focused submission to the Synod of Bishops; to increase understanding of why ecumenism holds special significance for our community; and to become a more visible ecumenical partner in the community.

Objective 1: Create an ad-hoc committee composed of Holy Apostles parishioners that will provide an official submission to the Synod of Bishops call for input.

Responsible Party: All committees, clergy, parishioners

Objective 2: Increase visibility of Church of the Holy Apostles as an ecumenical/interfaith community through active representation, sponsorship, and participation at ecumenical and community activities.

Membership and Outreach Goal:

Continue to communicate Holy Apostles' mission and vision by increasing external exposure of our church to the community through varied media sources and in-person events.

Objective 1: Mail advertising flyers to different local communities to increase awareness of Holy Apostles at least once per quarter.

Responsible parties: Administration - Communications; Christian Unity

Objective 2: Submit a news article to the Catholic Virginian, Episcopal Diocesan Newsletter, and the Virginia Media family of newspapers at least once per quarter. Identify at least one ecumenical outreach event to be offered for coverage by local TV news outlets.

Stewardship/Social Ministry Goal:

Increase parishioner participation in Stewardship activities at Holy Apostles and optimize the Social Ministry funds to maximize output in supporting community assistance opportunities.

Objective 1: Increase level of parishioner participation in at least one Stewardship activity to 75% of active parishioners.

Objective 2: Apply for and submit applications to all eligible/available grant opportunities on time.

Optimize the utilization of focused discretionary funds and received grant funding to best support and serve the local community to the maximum extent possible throughout the year.



Our Mission



Remembering that we, as a unique community of Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, are entrusted with a vision of God's action in His people, we declare that we have been called to a new venture in the history of the Church.



As the Church of the Holy Apostles, we are called to be a living sign of the Church's efforts toward organic unity, and to promote ecumenical ventures among Christian bodies. We are called to share the gifts of ministry with one another, and to be channels of God's love in the world by involving ourselves with all others.

As apostles, we commit ourselves to build community by discovering our wants and needs and those of others through calling members to share their gifts freely and to grow; by nurturing in faith and tradition; by celebrating renewed life together in worship and fellowship. We commit ourselves to spread the Good News of our life in Jesus Christ, who calls us into oneness.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Erwin Thomas	3	Lynne Larson	17
Hank Foiles	10	Elizabeth V.	20
Noah K.	10	Charles Mills	21
Mary Noyes	10	Whitney McDaniel	22
Fran Dixon	14	Brian Hormuth	28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lowe, June 2, 1984
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stanley, June 10, 1978
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orland, June 17, 1989
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Startt, June 21, 1975
 Dr. and Mrs. Colin Hamilton, June 25, 1966
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hormuth, June 26, 1993

Historically, June was a popular month for marriages. The idea being the woman might give birth in the spring, a time a infant would be more likely to survive. Plus the woman was more likely to be available during the harvest season.

Myth says that people took their annual bath in late May or early June. Just in case a woman was already smelling a bit ripe by her wedding day, she carried a nosegay (bouquet) to smell sweet.

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

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

On Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate Mary Noyes' 90th birthday.

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for cake.

Mark Your Calendars

June 5 Pentecost-Wear Red

June 5 Cake for June birthdays and anniversaries

June 5 Farewell to the Hatcher family

June 7 Theology on Tap

June 11 and 12 Mary Noyes' 90th. celebrations

June 18 at 10 am Appreciation Brunch for Lectors

June 19 Fathers' Day

June 26 at 1 pm Mangia Qui

Every Week:

Tuesday 1 pm Zumba

Wednesday 7 pm Virtual Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday 9 am PLARN



Donations, Volunteering and Thanks

Donate to the Pauline Porter Fund

The **Pauline Porter Memorial Fund** was created to honor founding member Pauline Porter. Donations are made twice a year; in June in honor of Pauline's birthday and at Christmastime. The Fund gives to organizations and programs that benefit special needs adults and children. Your donations this month in Pauline's memory are truly appreciated. Funds will be donated to these special programs;

- Special Persons Mailing Services, a not for profit organization that employs special needs persons.
- Arts Inclusion Company, a not for profit drama group that produces plays and musicals that include special needs children and adults.
- Kelly's Kids, a surfing event for special needs children.
- FACT & "Camp Gonnawannagoagain," for children with autism
- Local chapter of Special Olympics



Fellowship

Thursday PLARN Group Works Together

Join the fun from 9 AM - 11AM every Thursday. Plarn is the process of turning grocery bags into yarn. We are going to learn how to crochet the plastic yarn (Plarn) into sleeping matts for homeless kids. Please join us for conversation and laughter while making a difference.



Tuesday Zumba Gold at 1 PM

Zumba Gold was created for seniors. It's fun, but less intense! Zumba Gold is a modified Zumba class for active older adults. Join instructor Nancy Rojas each Tuesday for one hour of fun and fitness.

Only \$5 per class. Participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID.

Mangia Qui - Great food and fellowship

Please join us for great food and fellowship at Mangia Qui on the last Sunday of each month. Our next date for fun, conversation, and pasta is **Sunday, June 26**. The wait staff will begin taking orders at 1 pm. Please sign up in the hallway. Mangia Qui, 5550 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach





Ecumenism

What is Cursillo

In brief Cursillo is a living expression of Christ's love lived out in a weekend community that is filled with color, joy, music and a new friendships in Christ. It is an experience much easier to live than it is to describe. That's why we say, **"It's an experience too good not to pass on."**

Because the movement began in Spain it retains several of it's Spanish terms. The word Cursillo translates as "Short Course" which begins with the three day weekend.

Visit these website to learn more about Cursillo and find retreat dates.

<https://www.cursillodiosova.org/>
<https://ghrcursillo.com/>



Interchurch Families

Bringing Our Churches To Unity Through Love

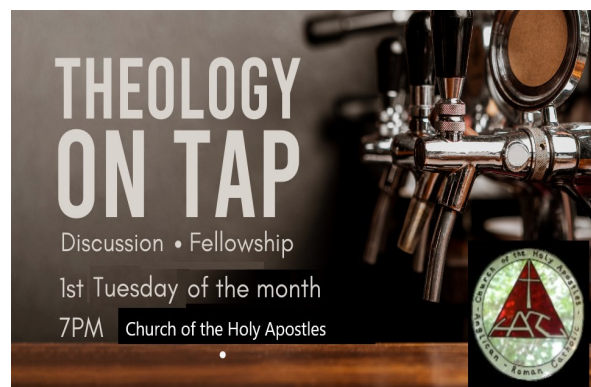
Some 50-70% of marriages involve spouses from different churches. Of those that are actively involved in the church when first married, many become single church families or stop attending at all, especially if they do not feel welcome in each other's church. Ideally, all families should obtain pastoral care appropriate to their particular circumstances. It is helpful for interchurch families to receive joint pastoral care from both churches.

-From A New Era for Interchurches in Australia [Read More here](#)

Join us on Tuesday, June 7

"Beer makes you sleep easy. Easy sleep makes you not sin. Not sinning gets you into heaven. Amen." - Anonymous German monk

TOT is a method of invitation, based on a spirit of hospitality, which creates a space for people to explore how faith in Christ can speak to their circumstances. This program has proven to be a successful vehicle for reaching folks interested in learning more about their faith, coming together to share community, and feeling welcomed and valued.





Best of luck to the Hatcher Family

As they embark on their new adventure in Bahrain.

You'll be in our prayers Julia, Matt and Mary!

On Sunday, June 5 we will present them with a Jefferson Cup.

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(All the best)



Dianne's Retirement

Dear Holy Apostles,

I am excited about my upcoming retirement but want to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the opportunities that I have experienced working for you during the past 12 years. I'm grateful for the support of Fr. Mario, Deacon Gary, Vestry Council and all the people of Holy Apostles. I have genuinely enjoyed my employment and will miss my co-workers, clergy, leadership, lay volunteers, and parishioners when my retirement day comes on June 30.

Working at Holy Apostles has been a great privilege. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers as you continue your unique and important mission and ministry of Christian unity and ecumenism.

Peace,

Dianne Marzec



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That has both good and bad implications. A good implication is that it means Holy Apostles has a worldwide audience where people can see ecumenism in action. A bad implication is that we have detractors who are watching us and hoping we fail.

We want our liturgies to be meaningful and respectfully carried out. As a result, there are lector/reader training sessions in May and June to make sure we are prepared and properly fulfilling our roles. Along this same line of awareness of what the world sees when they watch us on Facebook or tune into our YouTube page is that we are looking to enhance the wall behind the ambo and improve the lighting, especially over the altars. The Vestry Council has established an ad hoc committee to get estimates to cover this wall, likely with drywall, and to make the appearance less institutional while projecting a softer feel. The community will be updated as estimates come in.

In Christ,

Deacon Gary