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A Message from Fr. Mario

Saludos/Greetings in the name of Christ!

On Sunday September 19th at Episcopal Holy Eucharist, I spoke about St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest permanent European settlement in the United States. So I figured I could use this opportunity to say a little more about the early history of this American city.



A Spanish soldier named Pedro Menéndez de Avilés was sent to Florida to expel French Protestant colonists who (in the year 1564) had established an outpost at Fort Caroline, near present-day Jacksonville. But by the time Menéndez arrived in August 1565, he discovered that a force of French reinforcements had come before him, including a large French fleet. So Menendez retreated to a place that he had discovered the week before on August 28th; this was the feast of St. Augustine of Hippo. In this small new colony, the Spanish waited for the French to attack with the sense that they would be crushed when at that exact moment, a large storm blows the French fleet to the south and sinks them. So in the next couple of days, Menendez and his men went to Fort Caroline, which now had very few soldiers inside, and conquered it easily.

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



Liturgy Volunteers

October	3	10	17	24	31
WORSHIP COORD.	A Cherwa	A Cherwa	A Cherwa	A Cherwa	A Cherwa
LECTOR	G Leighton	A Cherwa	K Ashby	B Startt	L Carpenter
READER	N Ragland	K Meeks	C Mills	L Startt	A Whyte
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	D. Dickerson	A Cherwa	B Startt	A Whyte	J Tucker
ACOLYTES	N Nichter	T Frey	W & B McDaniel	B Hormuth	T Frey
ALTAR GUILD	Nichter	Startt	S Delaney	Frey	Lowe
COUNTERS	L Pace & K Meeks	L Startt & M Mills	G Leighton & S Stanley	K Nichter & M Meehan	M Cherwa & P Russo

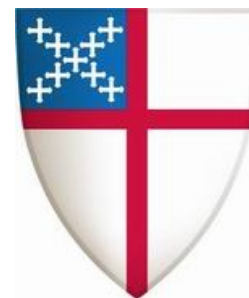
November	7	14	21	28
WORSHIP COORD.	G Leighton	G Leighton	G Leighton	G Leighton
LECTOR	N Nichter	B Kimpan	P Russo	D Dickerson
READER	J Flowers	J Arnold	J Tucker	J Mancuso
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	C Mills	A Cherwa	J Arnold	N Ragland
ACOLYTES	T Frey	W & B McDaniel	N Nichter	T Frey
ALTAR GUILD	Nichter & Lowe	Startt	S Delaney	Frey
COUNTERS	L Startt & K Meeks	L Pace & M Mills	M Cherwa & S Stanley	G Leighton & M Meehan

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).



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

We were established 43 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.





Altar Flower Donations

Fresh flowers add immensely to our worship service. Celebrate a special birthday, wedding anniversary, or dedicate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.

To donate flowers, complete a flower form or call the office and donate \$45.



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



A Message from Fr. Mario continued

During my research for this entry, I found the following according to the *Memoir of the Happy Result and Prosperous Voyage of the Fleet Commanded by the Illustrious Capt.-General Pedro Menéndez de Avilés*. When Menendez returned to St. Augustine, he was received by the chaplain of the expedition in the following manner: "On Monday, the September 24th, 1565, at the vesper hour, our captain-general arrived [at Fort San Agustín] with fifty foot-soldiers. He was very tired, as well as those who accompanied him. As soon as I learned that he was coming, I ran to my room, put on a new cassock, the best I possessed, and a surplice; and, taking a crucifix in my hand, I went a certain distance to receive him before he arrived in port; and he, like a gentleman and a Christian, knelt, as well as all those who came with him, and returned a thousand thanks for the great favors he had received from God. My companions and I walked ahead in a procession, singing the *Te Deum laudamus* [Catholic hymn] so that our meeting was one of the greatest joy." In another account (from the French perspective), the author says "it becomes us to accuse ourselves and our own sins for blame in the matter, and not the Spaniards, whom the Lord made use of as rods for scourging us according to our deserts. But to God omnipotent alone, and to his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever! Amen."

When I first started writing this letter, I did it in the context of talking about Hispanic Heritage Month. I now find myself connecting with the joys and sadness of these men from another era. The forces on both sides appealed to God and asked for his guidance and mercy. I wonder what was in the minds and hearts of the soldiers' family members and loved ones as they waited for news back in Spain and France. This year, as the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month occurs in a time of great pain for Hispanic and latino/x communities disproportionately ravaged by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, let us remember that we are all members of the body of Christ. I ask you to pray for guidance as we remember the words of St. Paul: "the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' Let us pray to God and ask how we can act in solidarity with "those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honour may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."

Gracias/Thank you,

Padre Mario



Highlights from Vestry Council September 21, 2021

Finance Council Report: Treasurer – Mike Meehan (Treasurer)

Financial Update: August 2021

YTD Income: \$ 184,911.81
YTD Expense: \$ 158,378.03
YTD Excess: \$ 26,533.78

August Income: \$ 23,316.14
August Expenses: \$ 21,359.35
August Net Income: \$ 1,956.79

President & Warden

President: Matt Wood Warden: Whitney McDaniel

- Msgr. Raphael has been installed as pastor at St Luke's and is settling in as Chaplain for Holy Apostles.
- A checklist for securing the building before people leave will be posted on the window of the office.
- Kelly Hormuth has requested more photos for Facebook.
- Whitney has been posting the Sunday service to "You Tube" and has been getting views.
- The Girl Scouts have cleaned up the nursery and cleared the toys to meet with current Health and Safety measures.
- The flyers with information about Holy Apostles were mailed on September 8th to the Midway Military Housing. There are flyers left if we wish to do a future mailing.
- Our 44th Anniversary is scheduled for Sunday afternoon on Oct 31st. The Vestry Council is responsible, but other volunteers are needed.
- Clarification has been received from Bishop Haynes on who is eligible to fill the Episcopal slots on the Vestry Council and the answer is only Episcopal members.
- Planning and organization for the Fall Fling (Sunday, Oct 10th) has started. A silent auction will be part of the fundraiser. Members are asked to bring in suitable items. Some items will have a minimum bid and if the item is not sold it will be returned to the member donating it.
- If the COVID-19 metrics get too bad, the event will be canceled.
- Beer and wine will be available for donation. Mixed drinks will only be BYOB.
- We continue to investigate ways to assist those in wheelchairs and using walkers to enter our building.
- We continue to look at improving the aesthetics of the sanctuary, especially the wall area behind the ambo.
- Anne Campion has volunteered to work in the library.

Committee Liaisons

Administration: Anna Crosby (RC) & David Dickerson (E)
Christian Formation: Joann Mancuso (RC) & Whitney McDaniel (E)
Fellowship: Bonnie Startt (E) & Mike Cherwa (RC)
Liturgy: Jackie Lucas (RC) & Andrea Whyte (E)
Social Ministry: Charlie Mills (E) & Matt Wood (RC)



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		

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*



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 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*.

In our Prayers

Pray for the sick, for inpatient children at CHKD,

Pray for everyone affected by 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,
Katy Fabila and Carmen Perez*

**If you want to place someone on the prayer list, please notify the office.
Individual prayers are published weekly on Thursday by email.**

Stay Connected

For pastoral care, please call or email your clergy

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



October is Stewardship Month

Every perfect gift comes from God above.

On the first four Sunday's in October, members will share their stories of their perfect gift during "A Stewardship Moment".

On Sunday, October 31st, we will celebrate our 44th anniversary with special guests Msgr. Joe Lehman and Rev. Michael Haynes (the ecumenical officers for our two dioceses). It is only through generosity and gratitude that we could achieve such a milestone!

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, we will celebrate Dedication Sunday with an in-gathering of our pledges of time, talent and treasure.

What is the best gift you can share with Holy Apostles? Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Donations to the Operating Fund Needed

Our designated funds (Manna, Discretionary, Social Ministry) are currently adequately funded thanks to your generous donations. If you give regularly to a designated fund, please consider changing your contributions to the General Operating Fund for the time being.

4th Annual Fall Fling

"Operation 1593"

Sunday, October 10

3 PM - 6 PM

"Operation 1593" will raise money for Holy Apostles' operating fund.

Join us for good music, food, drink, and fellowship.

Reserve your table today.

See the sign up sheets on the easel in the hallway.

Silent Auction items are needed.

Donation ideas: Gift Cards, Weekend get-a-way, game tickets, theater tickets, food & wine baskets,

(see Jackie Lucas if you have items to donate)



Ecumenism

Daily Word from Jean Koch

'Should the domestic church be divided for the reception of the bread and wine of life that brings into existence and nourishes all churches, large and small? Should the church find inspiration in the divine saying, "what God has joined, let no one put asunder" (Mt. 19:6), and find ways and means to keep the couple together at the celebration of the eucharist?' Ladislav Orsy SJ in "Interchurch Marriages and Reception of the Eucharist"

Source: interchurchfamilies.org

Christian Ecumenical Network (CEN)

Follow CEN on Facebook and join the 122 followers who are helping to promote Christian Unity.

<https://www.facebook.com/CENChristianTidewater/>

CEN's mission is to promote Christian unity, while sharing and strengthening individual traditions and beliefs. We serve as a network, through fellowship, prayer and communication, for education, dialogue, celebrations and ministry. We offer a feel good message with an emphasis on Ecumenism.



If you want to help or learn more about Ecumenism, please contact Charlie Mills, Jo-Anne Blessing, or any member of Vestry Council.



Membership / Outreach

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 3 at 3pm

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, we invite you and your pets for a Blessing of the Animals. Children are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal for a blessing. Or bring a photo of a beloved pet that is in heaven for a prayer of thanks and remembrance.

All creatures great and small are welcome!

Fellowship/Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

If you enjoy gathering after worship for refreshments and fellowship, please sign up to help. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen. We need volunteers to host, help with serving food, beverages, and clean up. No refreshments on Fall Fling Day or Mangia Qui lunch day. Please sign up on the hallway easel.





Membership / Outreach

44th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us for a celebration of our 44th anniversary

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Reception at 3 p.m.

Ecumenical Prayer Service at 4 p.m.

Special Guests:

Msgr. Joe Lehman, Ecumenical Officer, Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Rev. Thomas Haynes, Ecumenical Officer, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia



Mangia Qui - October 27 (new date)

Please join us for great food and fellowship at Mangia Qui. Our last gathering for 2021 will be on **Sunday, October 27**. (note the date change). Staff will begin taking orders at 1 pm. Please sign up in the hallway.

Mangia Qui, 5550 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach

Adult Christian Formation October 17 @ 9:30 AM

Adults, young adults and high school teens will meet before worship at **9:30 AM on the 3rd Sunday of each month**. The theme this year is **"Embracing Interfaith Cooperation"**. We will explore what it means to be "literate" about other faiths, how interfaith cooperation "works" and why, the skills needed for interfaith cooperation, and the significant role that our institutions can play. Many thanks to our co-chairs Kay Ashby and Holly Frey. **Our next adult class is Sunday, October 17 at 9:30 AM.**

Manna Pantry October 11-15

Here's the list of items we need: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, granola snack bars, canned tuna & chicken, ramen, mustard, ketchup, pasta & sauce, mac-n-cheese, canned fruit, rice, instant potatoes, hamburger/tuna helper, oatmeal packets and Food Lion gift cards.

Make donations to "Manna" through online giving or by check. Thank you for supporting the Manna Program and helping our neighbors in need.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Please join us each Tuesday at 10 AM for a one-hour bible study. We are studying prayer, and specifically, the Lord's Prayer. Come join us for some education, good conversations, and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Delaney or Norma Ragland.

PLARN Group Works Together

Join the fun from 9 am-12 noon on Thursday. Plarn is the process of turning plastic grocery bags into yarn. We give the plastic yarn (Plarn) to volunteers at Essential Church who use it to crochet sleeping mats for homeless kids. Please join us for conversation and laughter while making a difference.