



A Message from Fr. Mario

***Yawn and stretch and try to come to life/Jump in the shower and the blood starts pump-
in'/Out on the street the traffic starts jumpin'/With folks like me on the job
from 9 to 5 Workin' 9 to 5, what a way to make a livin'/
--from 9 to 5 by Dolly Parton***

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

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Important Websites

www.holyapostlesvb.org

Catholic Diocese of
Richmond

www.richmonddiocese.org

Episcopal Diocese of
Southern Virginia

www.diosova.org



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admin@holyapostlesvb.org

My beloved Catherine and yours truly went to see a movie last Friday; it was displayed on a big inflatable screen that was part of a temporary drive-in setup. As you may have guessed from reading the song lyrics above, we watched the 1980's flick **9 to 5** starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton, and Dabney Coleman. Franklin Hart (Coleman) is the "biggest sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot" boss 'on the planet.' He takes advantage (including sexual harassment) of his female office staff without care or remorse. He is humiliating and condescending against them, particularly his top assistant Violet (Tomlin). He even stole an idea from Violet and made it look to his superiors like it was his own. Finally Violet, alongside co-workers Doralee (Parton) and Judy (Fonda) plot comical methods of "doing him in", when a freak (and of course improbable) incident occurs. The three friends finally turn the tables on him and get the last laugh. By the way: when was the last time any of you used a Telex machine?

I have been reflecting about the movie for several reasons. As we enjoyed our snow cones and watched the movie, it is extraordinary to think that this was my first date with Catherine, since the start of this pandemic. We have been understandably worried about being around a large gathering of people and in particular anything that is done indoors for extended periods of time; this time we went out because we were inside our own car. Of course, this is nothing compared to the fact that this is mid-July and many folks cannot even leave their homes. Holy Apostles is still unable to gather as a community. We hoped we could start in-person worship services and resume regular operations; this was our thinking before COVID-19 cases started to spike again and now the Hampton Roads' area is a hotspot.

I truly miss seeing all of you. I miss being able to share the Blessed Sacrament with you. I miss being able to get a call from you so that I can come into your home, during the good times and the hard times. I miss being able to do something as simple as putting my hand on someone's shoulder during a moment of pain and/or grief. And yet, as difficult as those and other moments are for me as a priest, I also know that I need to remain thankful that I have the health that enables me to write to you, and to live my vocation even in a limited way.

I am happy to say that (knock on wood) we have been able to figure out the majority of technical issues associated with the live-stream worship services. I know that this is a poor substitute for what we really want, but at the very least this is a life line that allows us to connect to God in a different way. Our Audio-Video-Technology team is doing a great job and I want to thank every person that has been part of these services. I also want to thank you all for your prayers and I humbly ask that you continue praying for each other. The Church never really closes, and even this pandemic cannot stop the work of the followers of Christ. Even during these difficult days we need to remember what St. Paul once said: "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38)

In Christ,

Fr. Mario +

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Liturgy Volunteers

	August	2	9	16	23	30
LECTOR FOR LIVESTREAM		T Frey	B Startt	A Delaney	D Dickerson	L Startt
READERS FOR PODCAST		N Ragland B Carpenter L Carpenter N Nichter	J Tucker G Little P Russo J Lucas	J Delaney P Salisbury C Mills A Whyte	M Meehan B Byrd D Mitchell J Arnold	P Van Heest D Dickerson E Dickerson B Kimpan

WORSHIP AND PRAY

WORSHIP BY LIVESTREAM

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...>

Vestry Council

Mike Cherwa (RC) - President [2019-2022]	Jane Tucker (E) - Warden [2017-2020]
Jackie Lucas (RC) [2019-2022]	Andrea Whyte (E) [2019-2022]
Jim Byrd (RC) [2020]	Bonnie Startt (E) [2017-2020]
Gail Orland (RC) [2017-2020]	Carolyn Ferguson (E) [2018-2021]
Kay Ashby (RC) [2018-2021]	Secretary - Julia Hatcher

Committee Co-chairs

Administration:	Brent McDaniel Jim Byrd	Liturgy:	Lee Startt Nicki Felton
Christian Formation:	Kay Ashby Annette Cherwa	Social Ministry:	Kim & Nick Nichter
Fellowship:	Gail Orland Mary Noyes	Finance:	Mike Meehan
		Christian Unity:	Charlie Mills Jo-Anne Blessing

Vestry Council Highlights June 23, 2020 by Zoom

Finance Council Report: Treasurer - Mike Meehan

Financial Update: June 23, 2020

YTD Expenses:	\$ 88,999
YTD Income:	\$ 95,003
YTD Excess/(Deficit):	(\$ 6,004)
May Income	\$ 18,970
April Expenses	\$ 12,220
Excess	\$ 6,750

The figures reported are consistent with what has been experienced in the past years at this point of the year. Your generosity under these circumstances is noteworthy – THANK YOU!!

We are expecting the payroll expenses to increase for July, and thereafter, as staff returns to full salaries and weekly schedules (both were reduced since late March). However, the Finance Committee feels we are in a good position to handle this increase expense because other expenses have been reduced.

The new cost for Sunday flowers is expected to be \$45.00, which is normally paid by donation. Fresh flowers will be in front of the altar/ambo only on weeks that a member requests them. On other weeks silk flowers, or some other non-living arrangement, will be used.

In July the Sunday podcasts will change from Morning Prayer to Evening Prayer available at 5 pm.

We continue to work on our live streaming of the Sunday services to give viewers a better liturgical experience.

Constant Contact will be used across our social media platforms to provide a more integrated representation for those accessing Holy Apostles.

The Jewish Community is interested in the possibility of live streaming their services. In the renewal of their annual contract, live streaming will be added along with the current state guidelines for in-person church services.

When Holy Apostles regathers for in-person liturgies, the nursery will remain closed. However, we have asked our nursery staff to assist with check-in and ushering of attendees.

The Social Services' Department of the City of Virginia Beach has requested that our Manna Pantry reopen. As such, it will reopen the middle of July.

A proposal was made and accepted by the Vestry Council members to reduce membership of the Vestry Council by 2 (going from 5 Catholics and 5 Episcopalians to 4 Catholics and 4 Episcopalians). Since this is a constitutional change it needs to go to the congregation for approval. In this past, a constitutional change would have been presented at the Annual Meeting for a vote. This year, it looks like the Annual Meeting will be done virtually and/or through the mail, so an alternative method of getting the congregation's approval will be needed.

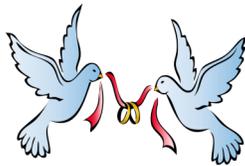
The Vestry Council approved the Certification of Lay Delegate and Alternate to Episcopal Diocesan Council – Whitney McDaniel will again serve as delegate and Charlie Mills will again serve as alternate.

Anna Crosby and Dona Mitchell are organizing a quilt raffle instead of a silent auction for the fall. Because of the pandemic, if there is a Fall Fling, it will likely be limited to music outside with bring your own chairs and food. As such, it was determined the quilt raffle will be tied to the celebration of our 43rd Anniversary (November 1st), at which time winners would be announced.



August Birthdays

Gary Harmeyer	5	Jim Byrd	21
Patty Salisbury	13	Terry Keenan	21
Ray Orland	14	Lynne Graham	24
Kris Meek	15	Amy Rowden	27
Annette Cherwa	16	Fr. Mario Meléndez	30
Kim Nichter	17	Joe Pace	30
Cheryl Smith	18	Jackie Lucas	31
E. Perez	20		



August Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cunningham August 1, 1987	Mr. and Mrs. Fabila August 12, 1985
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hatcher August 6, 1996	Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald August 20, 1994
Rev. and Mrs. Mario Meléndez August 9, 2014	Mr. and Mrs. Brent McDaniel August 21, 1987
Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Keenan August 10, 1968	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Meek August 28, 1976

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.*

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
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 for more information.

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.

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care, please call or email your clergy

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Fr. Boat: 757-759-1345 - Frankboat13@gmail.com

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

OUR CHURCH HOME

In our Prayers

Pray for Msgr. Ray Barton, Nolan Dotter, Carolyn Ferguson, Hank & Kathie, Katie Fabila, James Goodell, Colin & Bonnie Hamilton, Karen Harmeyer, Terry Keenan, Eleanor Krom, Bob Martin, Jim McWade, Ray Mireles, Mary Noyes, Lisa Reed, Randy Styron, Jr. and Joann Zamer.

Pray for those suffering job losses, those feeling isolated and frightened, for Inpatient children at CHKD, and all infected or in quarantine because of Covid-19.

Pray for those who keep us safe, for health care workers, caregivers, and cleaning staff. For farmers and growers. For truck drivers, especially Julian Kremer. For supermarket workers and grocery delivery drivers. For restaurant workers.

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

Interchurch Families

'I saw how the divisions of our churches lay a heavy burden on the backs of interchurch couples and families, and handicap their ability to live an experience of unity in their home and family life, particularly where worship patterns and participation in the sacraments are concerned. I don't think I have ever interacted with a group of church members who were more grateful that somebody expressed interest in what they were living, and said: "How can we be supportive?"'
Thomas Ryan CSP

Provided by Jean Koch interchurchfamilies.org

Quilt Raffle Donations

As part of our fundraising efforts this year, we will have a quilt raffle in the fall. Dona Mitchell and Anna Crosby are donating their time, talent and material to make several quilts, table runners and other quilted items to be raffled.

Before the Raffle, donations are requested to help defray the cost of quilting which will be outsourced to a specialist.

Please call Anna Crosby at 434-8044 for more information.

Audio Visual Technology Team

Holy Apostles has a new Audio Visual Technology Team to help with our weekly Podcasts and Live stream Worship. Thank you to the Kimfans for joining the team.

Virtual Annual Meeting in September

We anticipate that we won't be able to gather in person for our Annual Meeting in September. We will send the packets by mail to parishioners which will include Annual Committee Reports, the 2021 Budget, and Vestry Council election Ballots.

Committee Co-Chairs: Please complete and return your **Annual Committee Reports** to the office by email **by Monday, August 17.**

Vestry Council Nominations: If you would like to nominate someone to be on Vestry Council, please call the office for a nomination form.

OUR CHURCH HOME CONTINUED

Staff Updates

With the start of the State's Phase 3 re-opening, on July 1, all Holy Apostles staff resumed their regular hours and pay. The office is open again - Monday through Thursday; 9 am to 3 pm. Following CDC, state and diocesan guidelines, the Nursery will remain closed, but Pamela will work her scheduled 2 hours cleaning the church. Linda will return to work on Sundays when we re-gather. Deacon Gary continues as our interim bookkeeping while Bob is on medical leave.

We are following CDC, State, and Diocesan guidelines for safe opening. Please stay 6 feet apart, wear your mask, wash and disinfect your hands. Stay home if you don't feel well or if someone in your home is sick.

Lawn, Landscape, and Gardens Need Care

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

- * Lee Startt, Kim & Nick Nichter, for mowing and edging the lawn
 - * Anne Martin for watering the flowers
- * Matt Wood for pulling weeds and grass in the playground.
- * Brent McDaniel for filling the potholes in the parking lot

Volunteers are needed to attend to our gardens and landscaping. The playground, gardens, and beds badly need weeding. The shrubs and trees need pruning. The flowers and the memorial garden need watering.

If you want to be out in the fresh air, you are welcome to work outside remembering to keep distance from any other workers.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Manna Pantry Reopened

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 food distributors. (*Nicki 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!*

Donations to the Manna Pantry can be made through online giving, by check, drop off grocery store gift cards or food donations during office hours ... please wear a face mask.

Our next week for distribution is August 10-14. Please let Jane Tucker know if you are willing and able to help with our Manna Pantry.

Utility Assistance Resumes

On July 22 we resumed our Utility Assistance Outreach program. We provide \$50 once a year for people who need assistance with their water, gas or electric bills. 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 Assistance will be provided Wednesday, August 12 & 26 from 1-3 pm.

Virtual Coffee Hour - Saturday, August 1 at 2 pm

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

**August Coffee Hour: Saturday, August 1
2-3 pm**

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



CANCELLED

August 8 - 30

Important dates

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| ◆ August 5 & 19 | 7 pm | Zoom Bible Study |
| ◆ August 10-14 | 1 pm | Manna on Call |
| ◆ August 12 & 26 | 1-3 pm | Utility Assistance |
| ◆ August 15 | 1-2:30 pm | TENS Stewardship Webinar
(Using TENS resources for your 2021 Stewardship Campaign *) |
| ◆ August 17 | | Committee Annual Reports due |
| ◆ August 18 | | ARChive deadline |
| ◆ August 25 | 6 pm | Vestry Council Zoom meeting |
| ◆ August 29 | 1-2:30 pm | TENS Stewardship Webinar
(Creating Virtual Community for Stewardship) * |

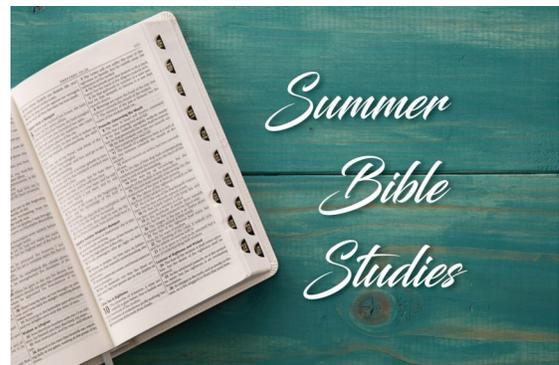
* Contact Dianne for TENS Webinar registration information

Summer Zoom Bible Study - Wednesday, Aug. 5 & 19 @ 7 pm

Summer Zoom Bible Study

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

**PSALMS
Wednesday
August 5 & 19**



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