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A Message from Deacon Gary

Dear Holy Apostles' Friends,

What is the worth of having a Catholic Chaplain assigned to Holy Apostles? That may sound like a strange question, but I think you will understand where I am going with this.

When I was asked by Father Tim Kuhneman to serve in the capacity of Senior Pastoral Associate in January 2015, my first response was, "I thought the Bishop was going to close Holy Apostles." He said "No, in fact Father Ven Ilano will celebrate Sunday Mass until the new appointments come out in July."

We were lucky to have Father Rene Castillo appointed as our Catholic Chaplain in July 2015. As you may recall, his primary duty was to serve as the Chaplain for the two Bon Secours' hospitals on the Southside. We were blessed that he served us through June 2019 when he was abruptly assigned as Pastor of Holy Family.

In July 2019, Father Boateng was the Campus Ministry Chaplain at ODU and was also appointed as our Chaplain. This initially caused difficulties getting priest coverage for our Sunday Mass because the 11 am Mass at ODU did not allow Father Boat to celebrate our 10 am Mass. After less than two years, Father Boat was suddenly reassigned as Administrator for a pair of parishes in the western part of the state. This left us without a Catholic Chaplain for five months. The point I am trying to make is that our Catholic Chaplains have had primarily assignments somewhere else leaving us vulnerable for coverage.

When the clergy assignments came out for this July and Msgr. Raphael Peprah, Pastor for St. Luke, was named as our Chaplain, I got excited because perhaps this assignment will leave us less vulnerable to hasty re-assignment. However, to make this work, we would have some finagling to do. As Msgr. and I discussed in May, he said he would have a difficult time getting to Holy Apostles by 10 am, but 10:30 am would work well allowing him time to leave his 9 am Mass and return for the noon Spanish Mass.

I know none of us likes change. Moving from a 10 am start time to 10:30 am is a big change, but I am very encouraged we can make this work. Having a Catholic Chaplain linked to the assignment of pastor for St. Luke will better position us to have a consistent Catholic Chaplain for years to come.

Our Vestry Council has approved changing our worship time to 10:30 am when Msgr. Raphael joins us on July 18th. Thank you for your flexibility and for working to support the unique clergy needs of this wonderful ecumenical community.

In Christ,
Deacon Gary

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



Liturgy Volunteers

JULY	4	11	18	25
LECTOR	K Ashby	J Arnold	J Flowers	D Dickerson
READER	A Cherwa	B Kimpan	N Ragland	J Lucas
EPISCOPAL EUCHARISTIC MIN.	B Startt	J Tucker	D Dickerson	C Mills
ALTAR GUILD	Nichter & Lowe	Startt	S Delaney	Frey
COUNTERS	P Russo & S Stanley	L Startt & M Mills	L Pace & G Leighton	K Meek & K Nichter

One Worship Service; Two Liturgies

Each Sunday, Linda Carpenter will assign volunteers for worship including a Lector for Roman Catholic Mass and a Reader for Episcopal Holy Eucharist. The denomination of the Lector and Reader does not matter – both Episcopalians and Roman Catholics may be Lectors and Readers.

Responsibilities of Lector (Catholic Mass):

- ◆ Read the Welcome at the start worship (watch for Nicholas Kimpan to give you the sign to begin).
- ◆ Read the 1st reading, one verse of the Responsorial Psalm, and 2nd reading,
- ◆ Read the Prayers of the Faithful (Universal Prayers)

Responsibilities of Reader (Episcopal Holy Eucharist):

- ◆ Read the Prayers of the People
- ◆ Read the announcements



One Worship Service; Two Liturgies
BEGINS AT 10:30 a.m. ON JULY 18
Attend in person
or watch on Facebook Live



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

Mark Your Calendars

July 12-16 1 pm Manna on Call
July 20 ARCHive Deadline



Highlights from Vestry Council June 15th

Financial Update: May 2021

YTD Income:	\$ 121,065.07
YTD Expense:	\$ 95,853.06
YTD Excess:	\$ 25,212.01

May Income:	\$ 20,072.57
May Expenses:	\$ 16,142.91
Net Income:	\$ 3,929.66

- Income has increased since returning to in-person services. May's expenses were as anticipated.
- The office HVAC unit is expected to be replaced in July, fortunately the current system continues to cool the office space.
- Holy Apostles did not receive the \$5,000 grant from the Richmond Diocese to make the front entrance more accessible to those in wheelchairs and walkers. Father Mario stated this should be a high priority item because it indicates we are a welcoming community to all who enter our building, including those with mobility issues. Joanne Mancuso stated that there is grant money for these kinds of improvements. She volunteered to research this topic and will get back to the VC with an update in August.
- Holy Apostles will return to its "One Worship Service; Two Liturgies" approach on June 27th to coincide with the Richmond Diocese's lifting of the suspension of the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays. Catholic Mass will be first, immediately followed by the Episcopal Holy Eucharist.
- Holy Apostles will change the Catholic Mass start time to 10:30am on July 18th to accommodate Msgr. Raphael's schedule. Episcopal Holy Eucharist will immediately follow. Msgr. Raphael has a 9 am Mass at St. Luke's and a 10 am start time at Holy Apostles would not work.
- There was a suggestion that Adult Faith Formation be offered before the liturgies, rather than after, but more discussion will be required.
- Holy Apostles' will celebrate its 44th anniversary on Sunday, October 31st at 3pm with a social and at 4pm with Evening Prayer. The Episcopal and Catholic Ecumenical Officers have been invited to attend.
- Also discussed was inviting the Catholic and Episcopal bishops for next year's 45th Anniversary and possibly have a Taize Service followed by fellowship.
- The shoe drive for the Latino Migrant Ministry is continuing and we are hopeful more parishes will join in this effort.
- Father Mario suggested Holy Apostles consider doing a backpack school supply drive and have a "backpack blessing" before children return to school this fall.
- Holy Apostles will contract a cleaning service for 5hrs/wk. Send referrals to Dianne.
- The July Vestry Council meeting will be a Mutual Ministry Review.
- Cliff is on vacation July 13-23. Dr. Carol Stapanowich will be the organist on July 18.
- Tuesday afternoon Zumba sessions will restart.
- It is anticipated Tuesday morning Bible Study will return in September.

Our 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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lisabeth Leighton Brooks	3	Nicki Felton	31
Shannon Greene	13	Jillian Wood	31
Kayla Whyte	15		

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*



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. Stephen Vandenhoff & Dr. Colette Lo July 6, 2013	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin July 25, 1970
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Hatt July 21, 1979	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koch July 29, 1972

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.

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.

New Roman Catholic Chaplain appointed

Welcome Msgr. Raphael Peprah

We are pleased to announce that our new Roman Catholic Chaplain will be Msgr. Raphael Peprah, Pastor of St. Luke Catholic Church in Virginia Beach. Msgr. Raphael's first Sunday at Holy Apostles will be July 18.





2020-2021 Vestry Council

Focus on Ecumenism and Membership/Outreach

Jackie Lucas (RC 2022) - President

Whitney McDaniel (E 2023) - Warden

Kay Ashby (RC 2021)

Mike Cherwa (RC 2022)

Joann Mancuso (RC 2023)

Carolyn Ferguson (E 2021)

Andrea Whyte (E) 2022)

Charlie Mills (E 2023)

Kim Nichter (E 2021)

Matthew Wood (RC 2023)

Secretary - Julia Hatcher

Clergy - Fr. Mario Meléndez and Deacon Gary Harmeyer

Committee Liaisons

Administration: Andrea Whyte (E) and Mike Cherwa (RC)

Christian Formation: Charlie Mills (E) and Kay Ashby (RC)

Fellowship: Kim Nichter (E) and Jackie Lucas (RC)

Liturgy: Matthew Wood (RC) and Carolyn Ferguson (E)

Social Ministry: Joann Mancuso (RC) and Whitney McDaniel (E)

Committee Co-chairs

Administration: Brent McDaniel & Jim Byrd

Christian Formation:

Christian Unity: Charlie Mills

Fellowship: Gail Orland & Kim Nichter

Finance Council: Mike Meehan, Grace Leighton, Lynn Pace

Liturgy: Nicki Felton & Lee Startt

Social Ministry: Kim & Nick Nichter

New Vestry Council Members Needed

2 Episcopalians and 1 Roman Catholic are needed to run for Vestry Council.

The election will be in September.

Nomination forms are on the Greeter's Table.

Stay Connected

For pastoral care, please call or email your clergy

Fr. Mario: 706-631-6299 - mpmelend@bu.edu

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



Ecumenism

Daily Word from Jean Koch

'The church is not many churches. It is one church – but a divided one. Interchurch couples are not the exception, they are the rule. They symbolize and exemplify the church as it is: one but divided. However, interchurch couples do more than indicate what the church of Christ is in reality, they also point the way to unity which is love.' Ernest Falardeau SSS in "Christ, Eucharist and Family"

Source: interchurchfamilies.org

Library Assistant

In an effort to educate and understand more about Ecumenism we are organizing and expanding our library. If you are interested in volunteering to assist Mary Thomas organize the church Library please contact Charlie Mills at 757-547-3573.

Interesting websites and resources on Ecumenism

There is so much to know about Ecumenism and this link is very informative. Jean Koch provides quotes from Interchurchfamilies.org to prove different faiths doesn't mean divided.

www.interchurchfamilies.org



ANNUAL GOALS FOR 2020/21

Ecumenism Goal:

To educate current and future members of the Church of the Holy Apostles community about ecumenism, 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: Ensure that each member of the community is provided access to ready, updated resources, when needed and as available, to increase their knowledge and understanding of ecumenism.

Responsible Party: Retired librarians (Jean Koch and Mary Thomas); Ecumenical small committee and other community members, Christian Formation, Fellowship, Liturgy, and clergy

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

Responsible Party: Ecumenical small committee and other community members, Christian Formation, Fellowship, Liturgy, Social Ministry, and clergy

**If you want to help , volunteer, or learn more about Ecumenism,
please contact Charlie Mills or any member of Vestry Council.**

**If you have ideas on how to get our message out, please tell us, by phone, email, text, or even in person .
As they saying goes "It takes a village ".**



Ecumenism

Churches Uniting in Christ releases summer resources: 'Juneteenth, July 4th and Labor Day Through the Lens of Racial Equity' Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC), a dialogue among 10 Protestant faith communions in the U.S., announces the release of new ecumenical resources for local congregations to utilize during the summer season. The resources, available here, are designed to help churches experience Juneteenth, July Fourth, and

Read more: <http://iam.ec/pa2021CUICSummerResources>

Membership / Outreach

Summer Food Distribution for Children

When children are home from school for the summer months, they miss school-based breakfast and lunch. Children most at need for food are our school-aged neighbors at Twin Canal. Holy Apostles will deliver non-perishable food from our Manna Pantry to Twin Canal once a month on the 2nd Thursday in July and August.

NEEDED: PAPER GROCERY BAGS, Food donations (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, and oatmeal packets) Drop food off at church any time.

(This ministry is in partnership with First Baptist Church, Norfolk who distributes food at Twin Canal on the 4th Thursday of each month.)

To volunteer to pack or deliver groceries, please contact Kim Nichter at knichter@cox.net or 757-650-9087

WATERPROOF Boots, Shoes, Socks & Toiletries Collection Ends July 4

Thank you to everyone who donated waterproof boots, shoes, socks, and toiletries for farm workers.

"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of Love that is put into them that matters" Mother Teresa

Barbara Byrd

Fellowship volunteers needed to help with serving, beverages, and clean up.

July 4 - Thank you and Farewell for Fr. Daniel

July 11 - Coffee hour

July 18 - Welcome Msgr. Raphael

Contact Gail Orland or Kim Nichter if you can help.

Plastic Grocery Bags Needed

The PLARN group needs more plastic grocery bags to make plastic yarn. The yarn is used to make sleeping mats for homeless teenagers. Please bring bags to church.



Membership / Outreach

Hats Sales Support the Discretionary Fund

Holy Apostles ball caps are on sale for only \$25.

Contact Jim Byrd bjbyrd1@verizon.net 757-467-5150



Mangia Qui is back

The very popular and enjoyable monthly social fellowship at Mangia Qui is back. **Starting July 25**, we will gather on the last Sunday of each month for fun, conversations and pasta. The staff will begin taking orders at 1 pm. Please sign up on the notice board in the lobby.

Mangia Qui, 5550 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach

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 July 12-16

Here's the list of items we discussed: 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.

Membership and Outreach Goal:

Continue to communicate Holy Apostles' mission, support our church members, and reach out to military and various groups to expand our Holy Apostles' community.

Objective 1: Ensure external communication outlets such as the website, Facebook, and YouTube receive content updates on a regular basis.

Responsible parties: Administration - Communications; Christian Unity

Objective 2: Reach out to HA members during the pandemic by calling, emailing, and/or sending cards and letters on a regular basis.

Responsible parties: Fellowship; Social Ministry; Vestry Council; Clergy

Objective 3: Reach out to local military and other local communities through focused advertising and by increasing participation in community events.

Responsible parties: Vestry Council, Administration – Communications; Social Ministry