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A Message from Fr. Alan

Dear Friends,

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

As we near the end of Lent and approach Easter Day we can easily have a tendency or temptation to leave our Lenten discipline behind and resume the celebratory shouts of "Alleluia" before it is time. Our Lenten discipline and worship, however, bring blessing and joy as we live into the reality of late winter, not only in terms of the variability of the weather; but also in terms of our own desire to leave the wilderness behind and have instant gratification as well as comfort. We have before us yet the wonder of proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah King with the waving of palm branches just before he celebrates the "Last Supper" with his disciples, just before he is arrested by the authorities, and just before the devastating reality of His crucifixion. Yes, before Easter and the proclamation that "Christ is Risen" we continue our journey to the cross.

During April at Holy Apostles we will continue our Wednesday program on April 5 with a soup supper and fellowship followed by Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. April 9 is Palm Sunday and we will begin our worship in the fellowship hall, bless the palms and process into the church. That following week we will gather on Holy Thursday in the fellowship hall at 6 PM for a simple meal of soup with washing of feet taking place in the fellowship hall after which we will process to the church for RC Mass and the stripping of the altar(s).

Our Holy Week adventure will continue on Friday at 7 PM with Good Friday worship from the Book of Common Prayer. Our first celebration of Easter will be the Easter Vigil at 7 PM on Saturday. And our joyous Easter Day worship will be at 10 AM for Episcopal Eucharist and 11 AM for RC Mass. Oasis will continue through Easter Day!

Rice Bowls may be returned on Palm Sunday. Your donation will be split between Catholic Relief Services and Episcopal Relief and Development, providing invaluable relief and development resources at home and abroad.

Our Good Friday offering as usual, will be used to help support the bishops, priests and people of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Reveal your Lenten Prayer Partner on Easter Day, April 16, with a card, note or small gift.

Dawn Schryver will lead a study of "God's will - free will" during the April Bible Study. Tuesday morning Bible study is both lay and clergy led and covers new topics and themes each month. Everyone is welcome! Bible study is each Tuesday morning beginning at 9:45 AM with coffee and goodies with Bible study beginning at 10 AM.

It is also time for exams, and so time to collect goodies for exam care boxes to send our children and grandchildren who are full-time college students. Please bring in such treats as oatmeal packs, trail mix, crackers, chips, and nuts, by Sunday, April 16th (Easter Day!) If you know of any new students or student address changes from fall, please notify Mary Thomas at 757.420.5234 or mbt47@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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Important Websites

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Richmond
www.richmonddiocese.org

Episcopal Diocese of
Southern Virginia
www.diosova.org

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Blessings!

Fr. Alan Mead

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April	2	9 Palm Sunday	16 Easter Day	23	30
Phone	N Felton	K Nichter	J Zamer	J Flowers	N Felton
Acolytes	J Delaney	J Franklin	J Delaney	J Franklin	M Hatcher
Readers Episcopal	M McDonald & S Marzitello	T Asalone & P Salisbury	B & L Carpenter	J Kremer & J Tucker	C Hamilton & A Cherwa
Readers RC	L Startt & A Whyte	J Delaney & L Brunick	G Leighton & G Zamer	J Lucas & G Little	J Franklin & J Flowers
Prayers Episcopal	A Marzitello	N Ragland	C Mills	P Russo	P VanHeest
Prayers RC	E Dickerson	E Scholl Iglecia	B Startt	M Meehan	A Marzitello
Gift & Euch. Min Episcopal	A Cherwa & H Foiles	N Felton & T Mitchell	H & T Asalone	C Mills & B Startt	G Zamer & J Tucker
Gifts & Euch. Min. RC	E Scholl Iglecia & J Delaney	A Martin & N Nichter	E Keenan & B Hormuth	P Salisbury & L Startt	M Franklin & P Russo
Counters	L Pace & B Carpenter	L Startt & K Nichter		P Russo & M Rucker	G Leighton & M Lucas
Altar Guild	Delaney	Nichter	Arnold	Startt	Franklin
Fellowship	Salisbury	Lowe	Hamilton	Hale	Delaney

Holy Week will be scheduled later

May	7	14	21	28
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Fellowship				

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Tony Asalone, Mike Cherwa, Joan Flowers, John Franklin,
George Hodermarsky, Kelly Hormuth, Jackie Lucas, Gene Zamer

The Ministry Portfolio and the Parish Profile, have been completed and approved by the Discernment committee, and the Vestry Council. These documents were developed using the information and feedback collected from the entire Holy Apostles community. Once both documents have been approved by the Episcopal diocese, the Profile will become part of our church website and the Episcopal diocese will officially open our search. Prospective candidates will be able to access our Ministry Portfolio in the Office of Transition Ministry's national database, and then visit our website to learn more. Interested priests can have their personal Ministry Portfolio sent to our search committee for consideration. In addition, there is a computer "match" program, using the Ministry Portfolios of churches in the search process and those of Priests looking for a new call. The names of priests matched with Holy Apostles will also be sent to the Discernment Committee. We are excited to begin this new phase of the process! Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Mission Statement for Church of the Holy Apostles

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.

Vestry Council 2016-2017

President: Maria Mills (2018) Warden: Whitney McDaniel (2017)

Jo-Anne Blessing	RC	2017
Hank Foiles	EP	2017*
Lee Startt	RC	2017
David Dickerson	EP	2018
Jim Drews	EP	2018
Lynne Graham	RC	2019
Steve Stanley	RC	2019
Joann Zamer	EP	2019

**filling one year of a three year term.*

Secretary - Julia Hatcher

Christian Unity Council: Nicholas Kimpan, Charlie Mills

Finance Council: Mike Meehan

Highlights from Vestry Council : March 13, 2017

- The total cost for Nigel Mumford was \$2641.50 with an income of \$813.88.
- It is noted that the discretionary fund is not self sufficient and funds have to transfer from the general operating account to cover the cost.
- The plans for the 40th celebration are ongoing.
- The Healing Team has 5 volunteers and possibility 1 more; once we reach 6 they will start training.
- The repair to the gutters was approved and should commence on 16th March.
- The roof assessment has been completed and they advised the roof was in poor condition and will need replacing within 2-4 years. There are currently 7 active leaks, 7 deficiencies and 33 missing shingles. It was approved that we will repair the roof once quotes are in and replace the roof in a couple of years when needed.
- It was approved to paint the Children's Chapel, Young Apostles and Double Classroom; work should commence on March 20th.
- The Discernment committee congregation profile was approved



April Birthdays

Grace Leighton	4	Brown Carpenter	16
Joe Marzitello	4	Pete Van Heest	20
Jeremy Cunningham	5	Julia Hatcher	21
Kay Ashby	6	Terry Salisbury	24
John Delaney	7	Kat McDonald	26
Alice Hale	7	Madison Stanley	26
Fr. René Castillo	10	JoAnne Zamer	28
Sue Delaney	14	Jay Stanley	29



April Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCreedy April 10, 1999	Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mitchell April 16, 1971
Mr. and Mrs. Peter VanHeest April 13, 1960	Mr. and Mrs. Brown Carpenter April 19, 1980



Pray for our military active duty and Veterans

We ask for your continued prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces, especially for members of our Holy Apostles family and friends of Holy Apostles who are serving in the Middle East and around the world; especially Clay Middlebrook, Patrick Donahoe and Andre. We pray for their safe return.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jean Koch recommends an important website that contains many resources for Holy Apostles members and anyone interested in Christian Unity. Interchurch Families <http://Interchurchfamilies.org>, provides International News and Publications related to the Ecumenical Movement such as:

- + Christian Unity
- + Conferences: Presentations and Discussions
- + Episcopal Statements and Responses
- + Publications and Articles
- + Sacramental and Other Resources
- + Country Sites (There are Interchurch groups meeting all over the world.)

Also on the site is the "Daily Word" which is an inspirational thought from one of the above topics sent to you daily. Jean hopes you and find this website encouraging and that you enjoy it as much as she does. Happy Ecumenical Reading!

Check out our website and Facebook page

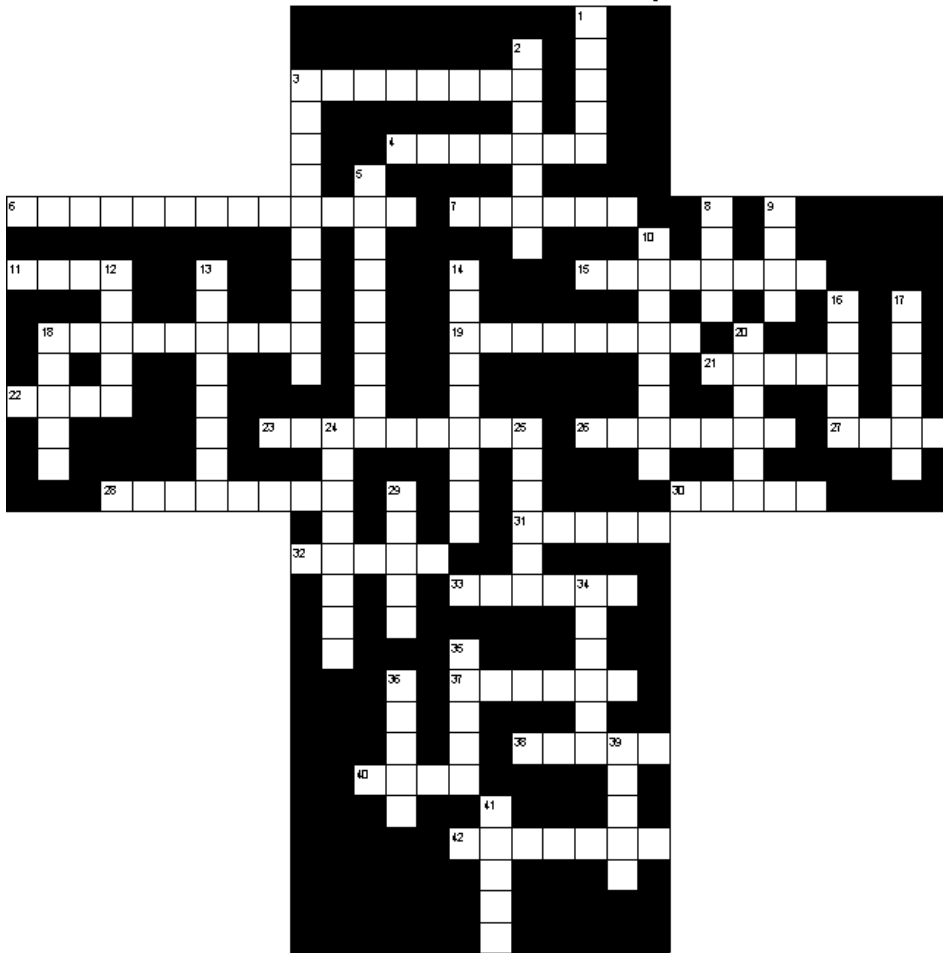
Bonnie Startt has updated our website. If you have any suggestions for improving the website, please contact Bonnie at bstartt@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.holyapostlesvb.org.



Erwin Thomas is our awesome Facebook administrator. Check out the Holy Apostles Facebook page. Friend us, Like us, and Share us with your friends.

Christian Fun Page

The Easter Story



Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____."
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this _____
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.

Across

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. It means "A place of a skull;" Where He was crucified 4. These guys were crucified on each side of Him. 6. And He was numbered with the _____. 7. Jesus was anointed with precious ointment in preparation for His _____. 11. This part of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom 15. And when the sixth hour was come, there was _____ over the whole land. 18. This Roman said, "Truly this was the Son of God." 19. The high priest who said it was expedient that one man die for all. 21. The _____ of blood was purchased with the betrayal money 22. The disciple that took Mary home as his own mother 23. He appeared first unto Mary _____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. "Father, _____ them; for they know not what they do." 27. He shed His blood so our _____ would be forgiven. 28. The Last Supper was a celebration of this Jewish holiday 30. The ruler of Galilee 31. This was sent to strengthen Him when He was praying in the garden. 32. This apostle denied that He knew Jesus three times. 33. This wealthy man of Arimathea buried Him. 37. The doubtful apostle 38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones as ye see me have." 40. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet _____. 42. They gave Him this to drink when He was on the cross. |
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YOUR CHURCH HOME

Zumba Gold Class

Zumba Gold is a workout for your mind, body, and soul and is taught at Holy Apostles **every Tuesday at 1 PM**. You don't have to be a dancer or even have rhythm. Zumba Gold is low impact with some routines done sitting in a chair. The price can't be beat; it's only \$5 per one hour session. Come try it; you'll like it and your mind, body, and soul will thank you. Bring a friend or two.

Mangia Qui Social on April 30th

We gather on the last Sunday of the month to laugh and enjoy great Italian cuisine at 1.30 pm. Hank Foiles is the point of contact and would like names and numbers the Wednesday prior to the event. Sign up on the easel in the hall or call Hank at 757-499-9944. Our next event is Sunday, April 30th.

40th Anniversary Celebration Needs Your Input

The committee to plan Holy Apostle's 40th anniversary celebration on November 5, 2017 would like your ideas and input. Please contact the co-chairs Lynne Graham and Patty Salisbury or any member of the committee: Ann Delaney, Hank Foiles, Holly Frey, Anne Martin, or Marty Rucker.

Donations for Easter Flowers due April 9

If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone, please complete a form and return it with your donation by Sunday, April 9.

Oasis Feedback

In the hopes of strengthening our bond of Christian Unity, on March 5, we introduced "Oasis"; a time of reflection and dialogue between the Sunday Episcopal worship and the Catholic Mass. Oasis is a time for our clergy and lay people to share the gospel with dialogue. There is a very brief (1-2 minutes homily) at the Episcopal service and the Catholic Mass. Oasis is on a pilot basis through Lent and we welcome your feedback.

Palm Sunday on April 9 - Gather at 9:45 a.m.

- * 9:45 a.m. - gather in the Fellowship Hall for the Liturgy of the Palms.
- * NO HEALING SERVICE OR OASIS ON PALM SUNDAY
- * RETURN YOUR RICE BOWL - We will bless the Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday. Your donations will be split between CRS and ERD which both provide invaluable relief and development services at home and abroad.

Online Giving

On Line giving is simple and easy. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Go to our church website: www.holyapostlesvb.org
2. Click on the "ELECTRONIC GIVING" tab
3. Click on the "Click Here for Electronic Giving and Payments" tab
4. Click on the "Create New Account" tab
5. Set up your new account registration on this secure site.

You can also use the Quick Give link for one time donations.

For more information, contact Bob Martin in the office or by phone 757-395-0949.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Manna Sunday on April 2nd

Sunday April 2nd is Manna Sunday. This is the day we help restock the Manna Pantry. At the current time the Manna Pantry is particularly in need of pasta and sauce, breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, mustard and ketchup, boxed mac n cheese, fruit snacks, hamburger and tuna helpers, taco kits, rice, canned and dry beans, canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegies, and soups. Thanks!

Mobile Food Pantry on April 10th

The Mobile Food Pantry will be here on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout 2017. Our next date is April 10th. As normal, volunteers should be at Holy Apostles at 9 AM and will distribute food supplies from 9:30 till 11:00 AM. Pray for a nice dry warm weather.

Discretionary Fund Donations in memory of Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike taught us that "an essential part of our ministry is seeking to find and serve other members of God's family." He admired the good works done by this community to serve the hungry, the homeless, and the suffering. We are grateful to Nick Nichter who volunteers to assist people with their utilities bills. Please give prayerful consideration to making periodic contributions to the Holy Apostles Discretionary Fund in memory of Fr. Mike. Your help and support are truly appreciated.

Utility Assistance Donations Needed

We offer Utility Assistance on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. We pledge \$50 from the Discretionary Fund once per year to our Virginia Beach neighbors in need. The Discretionary Fund is audited annually and replenished by generous donations.

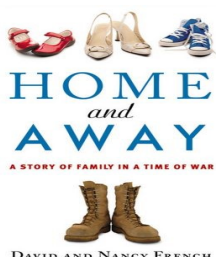
Exam Care Boxes

It's time to collect goodies for exam care boxes we send our children and grandchildren who are full-time college students. Please bring in such treats as oatmeal packs, trail mix, crackers, chips, and nuts by Sunday, April 16th. If there are any new students or student address changes from fall, please let Mary Thomas (420-5234 or mbt47@yahoo.com) or Dianne Marzec (427-0963 or admin@holyapostlesvb.org). Thank you!

Your Lenten Journey

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS Remember to reveal your prayer partner on Easter Sunday with a card, note or small gift. Pray individually and anonymously during Lent for the needs of specific person.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE We celebrate Lent with fasting and abstinence on special days. In the Roman Catholic tradition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence and all Fridays are days of abstinence only. In the Episcopal tradition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of prayer, fasting, and "special acts of discipline and self-denial" (BCP). Fasting is one main meal with some food at the other two meal times. Abstinence (from the age of 14) means no meat or animal fat.



Military Families

We know that Military families are part of our community and suffer dearly when their loved ones are deployed. Therefore, if you have any concerns or needs that occur when this happens, please contact Nick Nichter at 757-285-2565. Holy Apostles' will provide someone to help or just listen.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sundays after Worship & Fellowship

March 5 - April 2

Lenten Series: Renegade Gospel with Deacon Gary Harmeyer

April 23 and 30

Spiritual Creativity: Music with Cliff Hatt, Director of Music Ministry

Bible Study

Tuesday's at 10 a.m.

God's Will - Free Will with Dawn Schryver

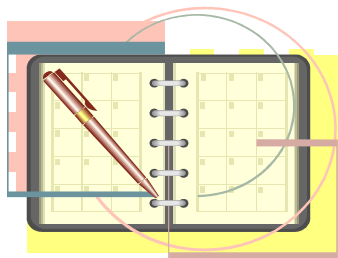
Soup & Study

Wednesday, April 5

6 p.m. Soup

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Mark Your Calendars



Sundays	10:00 a.m.	Episcopal Worship ~ Oasis ~
	10:45 a.m.	Catholic Mass
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Adult Christian Formation Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Zumba Gold Bulletin Volunteer
Wednesdays	6-8 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	6:45 p.m.	Discernment Committee
2nd & 4th Wed.	1-3 p.m.	Utility Assistance

April 2		Youth Sunday, Manna Sunday
April 5	6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Lenten Soup Stations of the Cross Executive Committee
April 9	9:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday (Return your Rice Bowls) Joint Liturgy of Palms (Gather in Fellowship Hall) No Healing Service or Oasis
April 10-14	1 p.m.	Manna on Call
April 10	9-11 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Mobile Food Pantry Finance Council Vestry Council
April 13	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Holy Thursday Soup Foot Washing Roman Catholic Mass
April 14	7 p.m.	Good Friday Prayer Service
April 15	7 p.m.	Easter Vigil - Episcopal Worship
April 16		Easter Sunday
April 18		ARChive Deadline
April 22	9-3	Dream Workshop
April 30	1:30 p.m.	Mangia Qui