

# *Holy Apostles Messenger*

*Spring (May/June) 2017*



A Parish Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church  
1040 Yardville-Allentown Road, Yardville, New Jersey 08620

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## From The Music Director of Holy Apostles'

Dear friends,

Spring is finally here -- a time of new growth, planning and looking ahead. The music department has had an unusually busy spring due to the upcoming concert and celebration. We have a lot of crossover members in the various handbell choirs and the adult choir. They are a hard-working bunch and make me proud and grateful every week.

Ensuring growth of any program means purchasing new equipment, i.e., spending money. The choir often needs new folders as well as fresh music. With the membership going back to 7 in the fall, I have to continue searching for music that best suits their voices. The 3 handbell choirs need supplies as well as music -- binders need to be replaced this year as well as cleaning cloths. I'm hoping the beginners group -- Praise Ringers -- will grow to 7 so we can do 2-octave music. The quartet is able to do some more difficult selections, so I'm always on the lookout for them. And The Bells of St. James will probably be doing some 2-octave music next year; we just don't have enough ringers for 3-octaves unless we borrow personnel from elsewhere.

Your donations last year continued to help us keep things going. We were even able to purchase a cajon -- Peruvian box drum -- which has been used several times this year. I am also going to be using some of last year's budget for honorariums for our 3-guest artists at the May 21<sup>st</sup> concert/re-dedication of the organ.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help to keep our program alive and strong. Join a choir -- Adult Choir on Thursday evenings, 7:45-9 PM -- or Praise Ringers -- Wednesday evenings 7-8 PM. Or use the enclosed envelope to make a financial donation. Or do both!! Get involved!! I hear those voices out there in the congregation!!

As always, thank you for your support. We are all very grateful to you.

Lyn Powell  
Music Director

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

*Information about activities and events from neighboring parishes, the Trenton Convocation, Diocesan Events and ecumenical partners*

May 6	Bishop's Spring Conference	Cathedral
May 11-13	Undoing Racism	Grace-St. Paul's, Mercerville
May 20	Daughters of the King- Annual 10:00 AM	Cathedral
	Evensong and Installation of Canons 4:00 PM	Cathedral
May 21	Baccalaureate	Cathedral
June 11	Cathedral Sunday	
July 17	Animal Welfare Ministry Forum	Cathedral
July 23-27	Diocesan Choir Camp	Advent, Cape May

Information on most events and registration information may be found in The Ministry Institute booklet located in the parish information area of both parishes. Information is also available online. Please visit [dioceseofnj.org/mi/](http://dioceseofnj.org/mi/).

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## Music Envelopes

Please remember to return the enclosed envelope to support the music department. Your assistance will allow for the enhancement of our worship and show your support of all the efforts of those who assist in leading our musical worship life.





# *A Celebration of our Musical Gifts*

*Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM*

*Join us for the rededication of the organ and  
to celebrate the musical gifts of the Congregation.*

*Following prayers of rededication and memorial we will enjoy  
organ, choral and Bell presentations along with some musical surprises.*

*It will be a great celebration!  
A reception will follow in the narthex.*

# Thank You to the Holy Apostles Community

Dear friends, family and beloved of the parish community,

I would like to thank all of you for your overwhelming generosity in response to the Bishop and Cathedral Chapter naming me a Canon of Trinity Cathedral. Your warm expressions of congratulations tempered with “does this mean more work for you” concerns have been greatly appreciated. In addition, I was deeply moved that the leadership of the parish is making arrangements to cover the cost of the new cassock, cincture and Canterbury cap. Holy Apostles has been a generous and supportive congregation for as long as I have had the privilege of serving with you. You proved it once again by your generosity. Through your kindness the entire cost of the vestments was covered. In fact additional funds were raised, which will be used toward the pilgrimage time in Spain and Florence planned for June.

The new cassock, cincture and Canterbury cap were presented on Maundy Thursday and were worn for the services of Easter. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the Installation of those made Canons at Convention will take place in Trinity Cathedral. All of you are invited to attend the evensong and reception. The service begins at 4 PM.

Once again I would like to thank all of you for all you have done to support ministry at Holy Apostles and for your support of our efforts to live out our call to follow Christ “with hands to serve and hearts to love.” I am deeply touched by your gift and pray that I may use it in such a way as to honour Christ and our community of faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Canon Arthur Pierce Powell

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## *Bowl & Towel Honors*

We congratulate Dr. Curtis Byrnes and Nathaniel Byrnes who are the 2017 recipients of the Bowl and Towel Honors.

Our thanks to all those who turned in nominations. Please remember that those not selected for this year may be nominated for next year.

# *Christian Formation for Children and Youth*

*News about Christian Education programs, youth activities, Communion Instruction, etc.  
Unless otherwise noted, Christian Formation activities are held at St. James.*

The Holy Apostles Church School department would like to thank all those who provided snacks for the program this past year. A schedule for the 2016-17 program year will be in the fall newsletter.



## **COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

During the month of April, five students were presented for the completion of their Communion Instruction. We would like to thank the parents and grandparents who supported the program this past year.

We would also like to thank the Altar Guild of the parish for hosting the reception for the members of this year's class. Our congratulations to the members of the class of 2017.

## **JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD**

### **J2A Upcoming Events:**

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| May 12/13 | <b>LOBSTER SALE</b><br>Please help get orders. Also, help is appreciated with order pick up.   |
| May 22    | Catechesis   |
| June 25   | Ventnor Overnight. Member of the class that we are leaving after church on Sunday, June 25 for the trip to the shore. Please bring your basic overnight needs, swim gear and a snack or beverage to share. We will be returning on Monday night. |

# THE GLEANINGS

**Go Team!**  
Deacon Trisha



Behind the community we've created on Tuesday nights is an amazing team. From set-up on Sunday, to baking during the week and take-down after the dinner, the efforts of a lot of players make our dinners work. Volunteers slip into the role they are most comfortable with.

That may be welcoming our guests or serving dinner. It may mean going from table to table refilling glasses of iced tea. Much of that tea is donated by one of our guests, which makes him a part of the team as well. Some volunteers mingle with the guests or take away the used trays and utensils. Going around the room with the delicious desserts that our bakers make is a fun job, too. The kitchen folks dish out just the right amount of food for each plate and somehow get the huge number of take-outs ready in a timely way.

We are serving upwards of **110 meals a week**, two thirds of those are takeout.

In April we served 449 meals. Behind each of those meals is the work of many volunteers committed to making sure all of our guests feel like a beloved child of God while they are with us. Go team!

If you'd like to participate or have a special skill or an idea you'd like to offer on Tuesday nights, please speak to Deacon Trisha or contact her at [dentrisha@gmail.com](mailto:dentrisha@gmail.com).

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## Rite 13 Lobster Sale

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

The Parish Center

Order forms are available at both parish centers

Please return order forms by Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday: fresh or steamed lobsters

Saturday: Fresh or steamed lobsters & lobster rolls



See order form for other details or contact the church office at 208-0228.

# PARISH NOTES

## Members

**Baptisms:** Janet Wasserman - May 13, 2017

**Deaths:** Carmine Setticerze - April 16, 2017

**Wedding:** Jennifer Perry & Jason Ferguson – April 29, 2017

**Vestry Notes:** Upcoming Vestry Meetings are May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Vestry members are reminded of the following:
    - Please let the office know ahead of time if you are not able to attend a meeting
    - Check online for important information – all reports will go out ahead of the next meeting on email.
  - The May meeting will include:
    - continuing discussion of building upgrades
    - End of Program year plans
    - 2017-18 Stewardship planning
    - Review of supply coverage and summer plans
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THANKS to all those who assisted with our community life this past month:

- Those who assisted with Holy Week and Easter Services
- Those who assisted with Communion and Celebration of Adulthood
- The participants of the Night in Bethany
- The Hafer, Noble and Sutton families for their garden work
- The Altar Guild for their hosting of the Communion Class Reception
- To the hosts for their efforts with the Calendar Party
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This is only a short, highlighted list. Our thanks go out to all of you for supporting our life together.



# **MAY BEDDING PLANT & BARN SALE**

Holy Apostles' Church  
Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 1 pm

**Bedding Plant order forms now available!**

Remember the barn as you spring clean!

Contact the office to arrange drop off!

Mark your calendar to help and buy!

*Join in the ministry which supports the parish and  
a whole community of friends of the parish who do not join us for worship.*



## **Barn Sales of the Spring Season**

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 1 PM

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 1 PM

Help is needed with set up, sales and especially with clean up at this sale as we prepare for the summer break. We will work to get rid of things like wax candles that melt in the summer heat.



# *Worship Ministries at Holy Apostles'*

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Things are still busy for all the choirs as we prepare our end-of-year selections. Everyone is also working hard to perfect their music for our concert on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will truly celebrate our end-of-season with our annual picnic in June (see details below). Many thanks to all our ringers, singers and percussion players for all your hard work this year. You help make our worship time special and more meaningful.

**THE ADULT CHOIR** is busy with their last 4 pieces plus an extra for the concert. They will be joined by percussionists Garrett & Haley Nieroda and Elijah Byrnes on both Mother's day and at the concert. We will be missing Doug when the year is over; he has been a wonderful addition to our little group these last months. Rehearsals will continue on Thursdays throughout the month of May; their last rehearsal for the season will be either May 25<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>. Our evenings together will get shorter as we have less to do.

**THE BELLS OF ST. JAMES** are busy with a lot of music just now. They are perfecting both a concert piece and a hymn accompaniment for the concert, as well as a piece for Pentecost Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be joined by several percussionists on Pentecost as well -- Elizabeth Mendocino, Elijah Byrnes and Alyson Setzer will give of their talents. Rehearsals are tough in May due to the holidays, but we will practice every Sunday except Mother's Day through May.

**THE GRACE NOTES** have been busy with an arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer" which they are polishing for our event on May 21<sup>st</sup>. All members have been and continue to be involved in helping out the other bell choirs this year. Their Thursday night rehearsals will continue only through May 18<sup>th</sup> due to these other responsibilities. Thank you all.

**PRAISE RINGERS** are also perfecting their selection for the celebration. They have all come a long way this year. This last piece has a syncopated accompaniment which they have been determined to master. Their piece in June is easier, and fun -- BOOMWACKERS!!! My hope for this group is that we will have some new members next fall. If we get 2-new ringers, we can ring 2-octave music; this fuller sound will be a wonderful change for this group. Their rehearsals for this spring continue through June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CHOIR PICNIC:** The annual choir picnic will be held a week early this year due to Canon Art's Pilgrimage trip. The event will take place on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the rectory: 16 Copperfield Drive, Hamilton. The picnic begins at 6 PM, and is open to all members of the department and their families. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the organ after the concert.

**HANDBELL FESTIVAL:** 8 people are attending this year's handbell festival/conference in Syracuse, NY. We will be leaving on June 30<sup>th</sup> and returning July 2<sup>nd</sup>. While in Syracuse, we will be at rehearsals, going to ringing classes, attending concerts, and ringing some more -- and don't forget shopping at the vendors. Please wish us well as we depart. Attending are: Evelin LeMassena, Amy Sapio, Nancy Schukraft, Patrice Hansell, Terry Sapio, MaryJo Haluska, Mike Guynn and Lyn Powell. Rehearsals have already begun to prepare some of the music; we have 4 groups to rehearse over the coming weeks.

**Acolytes:** We would like to thank the acolytes for their service at the altar during Holy Week and Eastertide. Your assistance with these services is greatly appreciated, especially when they are so different from the regular Sunday routine. Acolytes serving at the May 20<sup>th</sup> evensong are reminded to take their vestments with them.

**Altar Guild:** The notes from the April Meeting have been distributed. We would like to thank all the members of the Altar Guild for their work in preparing for the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. We would also like to thank them for their work on the many post-Easter Celebrations.

Following a very busy Lenten and Easter season full of moving services and celebrations, we look forward to the "happenings" of May and June.

Our May meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. It will be our last "formal" meeting until September.

Also in May, members of the Altar Guild are invited to attend the Installation of Canon Art at the Cathedral. The date for this ceremony is May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM.

June's dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Place/restaurant to be determined. We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship.

**Lectors and Sub-deacons:** The schedule for May and June is available in the narthex. Please let the office know if you are unable to serve and who you have contacted to arrange a switch or other coverage. As we approach summer it is most important that those unable to serve contact another Eucharistic minister about reading for them and contact the church office so necessary changes can be made.

# *Community Life at Holy Apostles'*

## **Fellowship Hour:**

We would like to thank all those who assist with the weekly clean-up of the fellowship hour. We are looking for volunteers to take on bringing the snacks, making coffee and cleaning up on one Sunday morning, so we can spread out the responsibility for this important time of community life. Please speak to Evelin LeMassena if you would like to help.

**Outreach Ministries:** The Wicker Basket near the altar is for non-perishable food items for the *Allentown Food Pantry*. Perishable items may be placed in the refrigerator and/or freezer in marked bins. With summer approaching children will be home more so lunch and snack items will be a big help. We have been delivering our donations every week so keep a look out for weekly sales at your local food stores!

This summer we will be gathering *Back-to-School Supplies*. A listing of suggestions with the time frame of the gathering will be forthcoming.

There is a small plastic container in the narthex for *Cell Phones* and wall chargers. The cell phones will be donated to Womanspace. They will be programmed to reach 911 and then distributed to women at risk who seek assistance from Womanspace. Cell phones donated through May will be delivered to Womanspace in early June.

Our current *Poor Box Ministry Project* is in support of Thistle Farms, a sanctuary of healing for women survivors of abuse, addiction, trafficking and prostitution. As of mid-May donations total \$1,334. Since Thistle Farms will continue to be the focus of the current Poor Box through August, we will see the donation totals continue to grow.

We have a good number of parishioners and friends who continue to knit or crochet for our *Purl & Pray* ministry. For those crafting items for the Seamen's Church Institute, when choosing colors keep in mind the large majority of seafarers are men.

It has been our tradition for many years to gather items during the month of May for *Womanspace*, a ministry which provides a haven for women and families in transition due to domestic violence. In May we encourage donations to be for women, remembering to gather items for women forced to leave home and restart their lives. There will be a large wicker basket in the narthex for your donations. Donations will be delivered for Mother's Day and then again in the beginning of June. As a reminder, all items must be new.

Thank you for the many ways you love and serve the Lord!

## *Signs & Seasons*

*Information on worship opportunities, schedule changes, & upcoming Holy Days*

### **Weekend Schedule**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Holy Communion/Mass
Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Communion/Mass
	9:30 AM	Holy Communion/Mass (Christian formation following)

### **Weekday Schedule**

Monday	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion/Mass
Thursday	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer

### **Feasts & Festivals**

May 14	Easter V- Mother's Day
	8:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass
	9:30 AM Holy Communion/Mass-UTO In-Gathering

May 25	ASCENSION THURSDAY
	11:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass
	7:00 PM Holy Communion/Mass

May 29	MEMORIAL DAY REQUIEM
	9:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass

June 3 and 4	PENTECOST WEEKEND
	Full schedule. Please wear red.
	Strawberry Shortcake after 9:30 AM service

June 11	TRINITY SUNDAY
	Full Schedule
	9:30 AM Church School and Graduation Presentations
	Church Picnic

July 1/2	Independence weekend
	Regular service schedule

**SUMMER NOTES:** A full schedule by week will be in the Summer Newsletter.

## *Who's on—When at Holy Apostles'*

Sat., May 6	5:00 PM	Lector:	Bette Farmer	EASTER IV
		Sub-deacon:	Judy Kerrigan	Acts 2:42-47
Sun., May 7	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	1 Peter 2:19-25
	9:30 AM	Sub-deacon:	Kevin Rittenberry	
		Lectors:	Alyson Setzer & Sue Closson	
		Sub-deacons:	Remington London & Nancy Schukraft	
		Acolytes:	Zack Simpson, Kayla White, Haley Nieroda &	
		Oblations:	Jane & Ernie Hafer Elizabeth Mendicino	
		Ushers:	Roger Perry, Al Zara	
		Altar Guild:	Beth Reading, Bette Noble	
Sat., May 13	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	EASTER V
Sun., May 14	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lynda Dickson	Acts 7:55-60
		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	1 Peter 2:2-
10	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Robert Meier, Jennifer Clark	
<i>Youth Sunday, Mother's Day</i>		Sub-deacons:	Zack Simpson & Nate Byrnes	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elijah Byrnes, Alessia Mendicino &	
		Oblations:	Youth Sunday Anthony Mendicino	
		Ushers:	Youth Sunday	
		Altar Guild:	Nancy Schukraft, Mary Jo Haluska	
Sat., May 20	5:00 PM	NO SERVICE		EASTER VI
Sun., May 21	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	Acts 17:22-31
		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	1 Peter 3:13-
22	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Bette Noble & Luis Alvarez, Jr.	
		Sub-deacons:	Roger Perry & Bette Noble	
		Acolytes:	Nate Byrnes, Savanah White, Robert Meier & Al	
		Oblations:	The Schukraft Family Zara	
		Ushers:	Luis Alvarez, Jr., Nancy Brasko	
		Altar Guild:	Dot Smith, Nancy Brasko	
Thurs., May 25	7:00 PM	Lector:	Evelin LeMassena	Ascension Day
		Sub-deacon:		
Sat., May 27	5:00 PM	Lector:	Bette Farmer	EASTER VII
Sun., May 28	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lynda Dickson	Acts 1:6-14
		Sub-deacon:		1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	John Meier & Alyson Setzer	
		Sub-deacons:	Al Zara & Doug Worthington	
		Acolytes:	Zack Simpson, Kayla White, Haley Nieroda &	
		Oblations:	Volunteers Elizabeth Mendicino	
		Ushers:	Volunteers	
		Altar Guild:	Kris Byrnes, Paula Miller, Patrice Hansell	

Sat., June 3	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	DAY OF PENTECOST
		Sub-deacon:	Judy Kerrigan	Acts 2:1-21
Sun., June 4	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
	9:30 AM	Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	
		Lectors:	Sue Closson, Kevin Rittenberry	
		Sub-deacons:	Kevin Rittenberry, Jane Hafer	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elijah Byrnes, Alessia Mendicino & Anthony Mendicino	
		Thurifer:	Chris Sutton	
		Oblations:	The Midgett Family	
		Ushers:	Ernie Hafer, Curt Byrnes	
		Altar Guild:	Lynn Perry, Kim Midgett, Jennifer Clark	
Sat., June 10	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	TRINITY SUNDAY
Sun., June 11	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
		Sub-deacon:	Doug Worthington	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Lee Gerhauser, Haley Nieroda	
<i>Youth Sunday, Picnic</i>		Sub-deacons:	Doug Worthington, Sue Closson	
		Acolytes:	Nate Byrnes, Savannah White, Robert Meier & Al Zara	
		Oblations:	Christian Education	
		Ushers:	Christian Education	
		Altar Guild:	Sue Closson, Donna Nieroda	
Sat., June 17	5:00 PM	Bette Farmer - <i>Prayer Leader</i>		Proper 6
<i>Evening Prayer w/Communion from reserve sacrament</i>		Lector:	Susan Coyne	Exodus 19:2-8a
		Sub-deacon:	Judy Kerrigan	
Sun., June 18	8:00 AM	NO SERVICE		Romans 5:1-8
	9:30 AM	Lector:	Curt Byrnes, Kris Byrnes	
<i>Fr. Collis, Celebrant</i>		Sub-deacon:	Jen (Perry) Ferguson, Bette Noble	
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Al Zara, Roger Perry	
		Altar Guild:	Beth Reading, Bette Noble	
Sat., June 24	5:00 PM	Joann Peate - <i>Prayer Leader</i>		Proper 7
<i>Evening Prayer w/Communion from reserve sacrament</i>		Lector:	Susan Coyne	Jeremiah 20:7-13
Sun., June 25	8:00 AM	NO SERVICE		Romans 6:1b-11
	9:30 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein, Evelyn LeMassena	
<i>Fr. Collis, Celebrant</i>		Sub-deacon:	Roger Perry, Al Zara	
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Curt Byrnes, Ernie Hafer	
		Altar Guild:	Nancy Schukraft, MaryJo Haluska	
Sat., July 1	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	Proper 8
		Sub-deacon:	Judy Kerrigan	Jeremiah 28:5-9
Sun., July 2	8:00 AM	NO SERVICE		Romans 6:12-23
	9:30 AM	Lector:	Luis Alvarez, Jr., Bette Noble	
		Sub-deacon:	Kevin Rittenberry, Jane Hafer	
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Luis Alvarez, Jr., Chris Nieroda	
		Altar Guild:	Dot Smith, Nancy Brasko	

# *Holy Apostles Ministry Leaders & Contacts*

**Clergy Staff:** The Rev. Canon Arthur Pierce Powell, Priest and Rector  
The Venerable Denise B. Cavaliere, Archdeacon for Pastoral Care  
The Rev. Trisha Thorme, Deacon  
Doug Worthington, Intern

**Support Staff:** Joyce A. Bostic, Parish Administrator  
Lyn Powell, Music Director  
Lynn Perry, Sexton

**Wardens:** Nancy Brasko, Bette Noble

**Vestry:** **Class of 2018:** Marge Blair, Jane Hafer, Al Zara, Jr.  
**Class of 2019:** Lee Gerhauser, Janet McSloy, Claudia Sutton  
**Class of 2020:** Kristine Byrnes, Luis Alvarez, Jr., David Hansell

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