

# APOSTLES GOSPELS

## Holy Apostles Vision

*Holy Apostles exists as God's house for all people, by fulfilling the spiritual yearning of our souls, teaching us how to live as Christians in a broken world by serving the needs of the greater community.*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What amazing Advent and Christmas seasons we experienced together at Holy Apostles! In reading the beautiful Advent reflections, in looking at the photos posted on Instagram of our parish retreat, Christmas Eve, the pageant – the abundant joy of the Holy Spirit is so present. We feel such gratitude for the gift of our community – as it grows – most especially as we grow deeper in our relationship with God.

As we journey toward Lent, we hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities available to get to know each other and for learning and reflection. We encourage you to try something new, step outside your comfort zone – and see where that might lead you.

Faithfully yours,

The Mothers

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## UPCOMING DATES

*Details on events listed are found on following pages*

January 14<sup>th</sup>:  
Celebrating Martin Luther King guest preacher Dr. Colleen Wessel-McCoy

January 14<sup>th</sup>:  
Adult Formation: Reading MLK in 2018 begins

January 21<sup>st</sup>:  
Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper starting at 5pm

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:  
Ash Wednesday Services @ 7:30am & 7pm

February 18<sup>th</sup>:  
Ukrainian Egg Decorating begins

Week of February 18<sup>th</sup>:  
Small Groups begin

March 5-8<sup>th</sup>:  
Outreach trip to Puerto Rico

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:  
Lenten Quiet Day

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday  
10am – 3pm

## Service Schedule

**8:30am** This Little Light

- A 30 minute service for 0-5 year olds and their parents with music and communion.

**9am** **Coffee & Fellowship** in the undercroft

**9am** **Choir** rehearsal in the sanctuary

**10am** Main service & Sunday School

- A Rite II service with music, sermon and communion.

- Children 0-5 are welcome in the 'pray ground' in the church

- Children 6-13 are welcome in **Sunday School** in the undercroft

**11:15am** Coffee & Fellowship in the undercroft

**11:45am Adult Formation Class:** Reading MLK in 2018 begins January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## LENT: The Season of Repentance and Preparation



Lent is a time of preparation in the church year - a time for us to prepare ourselves for Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. It's a time of where we are specifically charged to turn our hearts back to God through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial and by reading and meditating on scripture.

As we prepare ourselves for this season, we ask you to consider what your Lenten practices will be this year, and offer you opportunities for self-reflection and prayer and study and confession.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come! Eat! Be festive! Join us for a last hurrah of carbs, syrup, plastic necklaces and general silliness. Shrove Tuesday (sometimes called Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras) is traditionally a big, sweet, overly fat filled meal as a last over indulgence before the fasting for Lent. We will eat breakfast for dinner and turn the world upside down. If you're interested in helping out (bringing a desert, setting up or cleaning up) email the Mothers.

**Tuesday, February 13th 5:00 pm**

### Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey in prayer, confession and meditation; the imposition of ashes - and receive nourishment and encouragement in the receiving of Holy Eucharist.

This year we are offering an early morning 30 minute service for those heading to work.

**Wednesday, February 14th**  
**Morning at 7:30am said mass**  
**Evening at 7pm - with hymns & special music**

### Lenten Quiet Day

Join parishioner, poet, teacher and spiritual seeker Janet Kaplan for a Lenten quiet day - a quiet day is a retreat - a time apart from the busy-ness of our daily lives when we can consider God's movement in our hearts and souls. Registration required. Please email Janet Kaplan.

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm**

### Lenten Daily Devotions

Let Scriptural reflections inform your returning to God. Sign up to receive daily emails written by members of Holy Apostles on Scripture and where it touches their hearts, minds and souls. Each email delves deep into the relationships we have with God and where God is moving in our lives. And the emails bring us together as a virtual community each day. If you would like to write a daily devotion or receive them, **please email Lucas Thorpe: [lucascjthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:lucascjthorpe@gmail.com)**

## Lenten Offerings Continued:

### Developing a Prayer Practice

Have you been wanting to develop a daily prayer practice but don't know where to begin? Lent is a perfect time to take up this practice and we are here to help and journey with you. Mother Kimberlee will be available after the 8:30am & 10am services to meet with people individually or in groups about prayer practices - and also by appointment.

### Confessions

Every week except during Eastertide, as a church we do corporate confession during our service. There are times in our lives however when we feel the desire or have the need for individual confession; while typically associated with the Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church also does individual confession. The pastoral office is found on page 447 of the Book of Common Prayer. We will be offering individual confession by appointment in the time leading up to and during the season of Lent.

Interested? Questions? Email or call the Mothers.

## ADULT FORMATION

### Reading & Reflecting on Martin Luther King in 2018

Join us as we read & reflect on Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? Dr. King's 1967 book, his last book before his death 50 years ago. Dr. King's themes of hope, the American Economic system, his understating community, and his consideration of the Black Power movement are as relevant today as they were 51 years ago. We will read the book and apply it to our lives in Christ, our community, and our nation rife with economic and racial divisions. Our first session will be taught by Colleen Wessel-McCoy a leader in the Poor People's Campaign.

([www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org))

This is not a drop in class. If you are unable to attend all of them, please speak with Mother Sarah.

**Sundays @ 11:45am 1/14, 1/28, 2/4 and 2/11.**

### Ukrainian Egg Decorating

Join us to make traditional (and our spin on traditional) Ukrainian Easter Eggs. These highly decorated eggs were a cultural practice of the Ukrainian people before they were Christian, and they were decorated with the idea that there were great powers in the egg; it symbolized the release of the earth from the shackles of winter and the promise of new hope in the spring. When they became Christian--the symbol of the egg came to be about resurrection and the promise of eternal life. The eggs are made with beeswax and dyes. No prior experience is necessary.

We recommend this activity for adults and teens. For children under the age of 12 please speak to Mother Sarah.

**Sundays @ 11:45 February 18<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>**

### Small Groups

Small devotional groups are one of the best ways we get to know each other and grow in Christ. This 5-week Lenten group will consider bible passages from our Sunday readings. Meetings take place in the home of a parishioner. All are welcome! Sign ups are online and in the back of the church.

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## Outreach & Service

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*Each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10*

Outreach and service to others is central to who we are as Christians. We are beginning to develop our outreach/service ministries at Holy Apostles, service that will bring us into closer relationship with each other and with people in our immediate community and farther afield.

### Trip to Puerto Rico

Starting in Advent, we began raising funds to support St. Bartholomew's church in Lares, PR which was hard hit by Hurricane Maria. Our goal was to fund cisterns for the church. In early March, Mother Sarah will be going to Puerto Rico on a listening and observation mission. Anyone who is interested in joining her is welcome. Mother Carla Guzman from the Diocese of NY is leading this trip and hopefully arranging for simple accommodations. Each person is expected to pay their own way. Please email Mother Sarah if you plan on going or have questions.

**March 5-8**

### Masbia - Soup Kitchen & Pantry

Starting this winter, we will be volunteering at Masbia, a nonprofit soup kitchen network and food pantry, located on Coney Island Avenue. Masbia works to not only feed the hungry, but to provide free, wholesome, and delicious meals for people in a restaurant-style environment, with volunteer waiters serving each person with respect and dignity.

Join our Thursday group as we help to serve our fellow New Yorkers who are food insecure. Please email Rachel McKinney:

rachelsmckinney@gmail.com

**Thursdays time TBD**

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## Bishop Visitation!

Looking ahead past Easter, we are excited to announce that Bishop Provenzano will be coming on the day of Pentecost to perform confirmations, receptions and re-affirmations! In preparation for his visit, for those interested in being confirmed, received into the Episcopal church or reaffirming your faith, we will be giving 6 week classes for adults and one for pre-teens/teens (classes are required). People who participated in the catechism/inquirers class in the Fall do not need to take this class. Please speak with the Mothers if you are interested!

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

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## Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mothers will give their annual address during the 10am service; following the service in the undercroft will be the presentation of the 2018 budget, the 2017 financials and a time for questions and answers. All are welcome and encouraged to participate – the vitality and growth of our parish are dependent on your engagement! Please email your questions in advance to Emily Flake or Audrey Whitworth, wardens of the church.

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10am service**

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## Children & Families

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### Sing Out! Praise & Justice

Come and sing traditional songs of peace, protest, praise and spirituals with our friends Lucy and Lloyd. Lucy Kalantari, our musician from our This Little Light service, will be leading us in song.

Suggested donation is \$20/family with the proceeds going to our Outreach fund for St. Bartholomew's in Puerto Rico. Please spread the word – this is a community wide event.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

### Puppet Making, Puppet Doing

Join us to make puppets to act out stories from the Bible beginning with the Passion. We will be lead by a working artist to make dynamic interesting puppets. All ages of children are welcome and encouraged to come and create puppets. We plan to use the puppets to enact the Passion play sometime during Holy Week and to use them in our This Little Light service.

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm**  
**(same time as Lenten Quiet day!)**

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## Stewardship 2018, Online Giving, 2017 Statements

Thank you to everyone who has committed themselves to a 2018 pledge. Pledging is one of the ways we express our gratitude to God to the gifts God has given us. It goes to support our shared ministry and upkeep our house of worship. If you haven't yet pledged, but would like to, pledge cards are in the back of the church. If you want to give, but aren't ready to pledge yet – please ask one of the ushers for envelopes. You can also give online through OnRealm and set up either one-time or recurring gifts. Please email or speak with Audrey Whitworth if you are interested in online giving. Audrey's email is [awhitworth@nyc.rr.com](mailto:awhitworth@nyc.rr.com)

2017 giving statements are available in the back of the church, or you can sign into OnRealm and print yours out!

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### Interested in Baptism?

Would you like to know more about Holy Baptism for yourself or for your child? We would love to talk to you! Email, call or see the Mothers after church on Sunday to set up a time.

### Interested in Becoming a Member of Holy Apostles?

We are all beloved children of God – looked upon with favor by our Creator and Sustainer! Church membership is not about finding favor with God or receiving special privileges, it's about our hearts commitment to a specific house of worship. Interested in making that commitment official? Please speak with the Mothers.

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## Who We Are, How to Reach Us

### Clergy

Since January 2017, Holy Apostles has been served by two priests, Mother Sarah & Mother Kimberlee, who have entered into a covenant of shared leadership as Co-Priests in Charge. They pray together and work together for the good of God's Kingdom.

Mother Sarah                      [revsarah@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com](mailto:revsarah@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com)

Mother Kimberlee                [revkimberlee@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com](mailto:revkimberlee@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com)

Office Number                    718-871-1615

### Office Hours

9am-3pm Tues-Wed-Thurs & By Appointment

### Director of Music

Sam joined Holy Apostles as director of music in February 2017. He works in partnership with the Mothers plan liturgy. Sam has overseen the re-formation of the Holy Apostles Choir this past fall, and welcomes anyone who wants to sing to join!

Sam Shull                            [sam@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com](mailto:sam@holyapostlesbrooklyn.com)

### Bishop's Committee

The role of the Bishop's Committee is financial oversight of the church, and to work as partners regarding the life of the parish. If you have questions or concerns, you are encouraged to speak with the Mothers, but you can always speak to a member of the Bishop's Committee or email the wardens.

### **Wardens**

Emily Flake                        [emilyflake@me.com](mailto:emilyflake@me.com)

Audrey Whitworth                [awhitworth@nyc.rr.com](mailto:awhitworth@nyc.rr.com)

### **Treasurer**

Jon DiGiambattista

### **Members-at-Large**

Keisha Lightborne

Karan Merry

Ron Metzler

Mark Reichel

Pat Thebaud

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