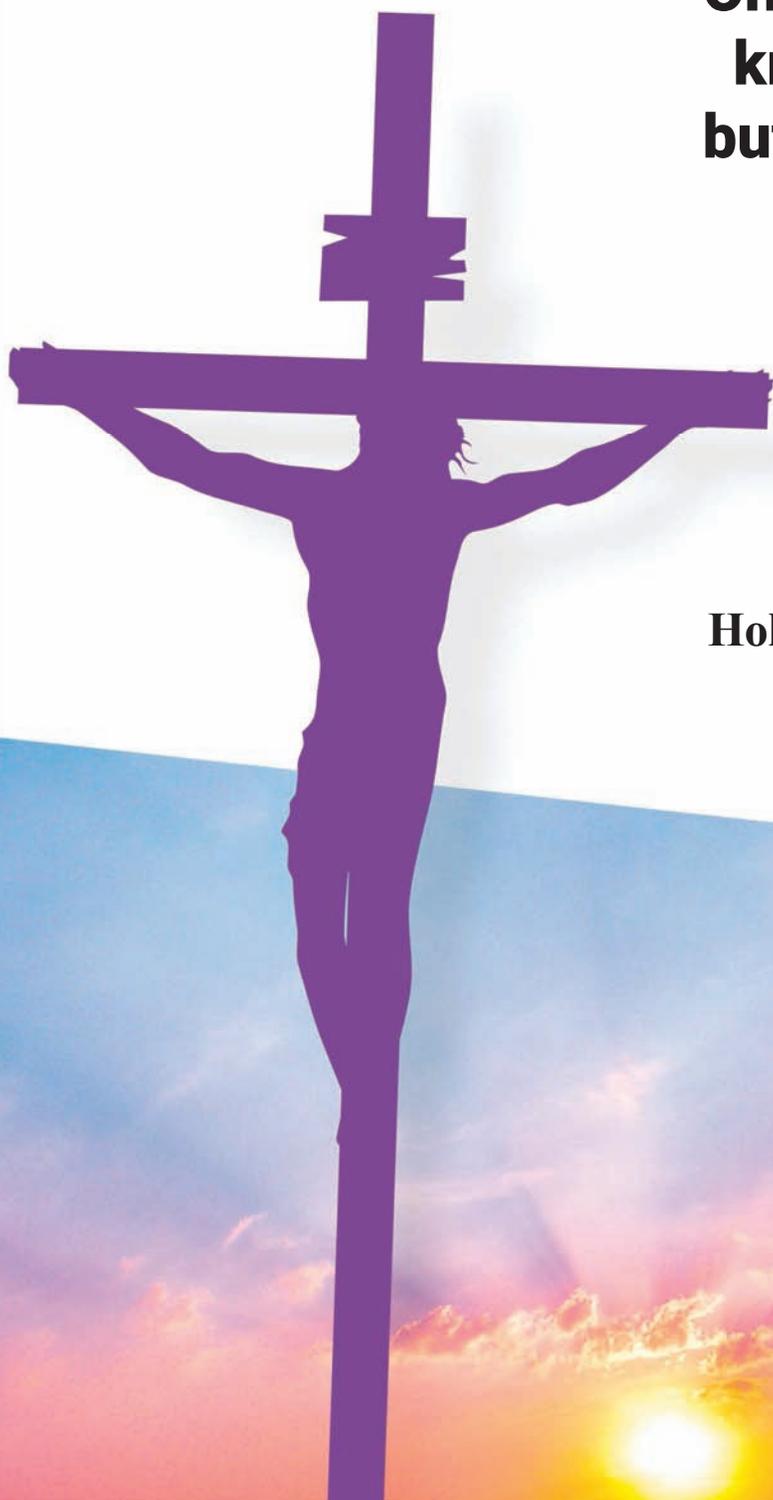


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SUNDAY OF
LENT

**One thing I do
know. I was blind
but now I see!**

JOHN 9:25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Weekday

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM

New Parishioners – Welcome to Holy Apostles! For your convenience, registration forms are available on our website www.holyapostles.com. Please fill the form out and return it to the parish office. Also, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Fr. Ledoux, our pastor.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Parents are asked to contact the Deacon early in the pregnancy. Parents are reminded that the selection of sponsors must be made according to regulations specified in Canon Law. Information regarding these regulations will be forwarded upon request.

Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make an appointment with Father at least one year in advance of their planned date of marriage. In addition, at least one of the individuals planning marriage must be a registered and active member of the parish.

Penance

Saturdays from
4:00 to 4:30 PM

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call to receive
this Sacrament of
comfort & healing.

Communion Calls

Please call the
parish office to
request a visit.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This Sunday afternoon we will welcome Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. to our Parish, as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation for the members of our Parish Family. As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this joy-filled kind of event can be seen as something wonderful for the students and their families, certainly, but it also should be a shared moment of joy for the whole parish. What can be seen as a call to each candidate, supported by their family and sponsor, to open their hearts and minds to God's grace more powerfully entering their lives should perhaps be also for us an invitation to open ourselves as well. For many of us it can be hard to even remember our Confirmation. But if we really think hard, we might be able to glimpse images of that day and time. For most of us it was another step that each member of the family was expected to take part in. Many of us were so young that we might not really have understood the significance and seriousness of this gift from God. We all knew, however, that it was a solemn event, as it is even today.

During the month of March, we celebrate the Feast Days of two very important Saints. On March 17, this Tuesday, the Feast of St. Patrick, he was born in 385 in Roman Britain to wealthy parents. However, he was kidnapped during his early teen years and taken to Ireland. Ireland, at that time, was dominated by the druid religion. In Ireland, the young man was sold into slavery and worked as a shepherd for six years before escaping and returning to his home. His experience as a slave had a profound effect on the young man. Before his slavery, he was not particularly religious. But when he returned home, he began studying for the priesthood. When his studies were complete, he returned to Ireland in March 433. There he did mission work among the people who had enslaved him for six years. Known for his compassion for suffering persons and for his endless zeal, St. Patrick was appointed Bishop of Ireland. He died there on March 17, 461.

On March 19, this Thursday, is the Feast of Saint Joseph the Husband of Mary. We know that

Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth. Joseph is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice. These two Saints are great witnesses to us during the Season Lent as faithful followers of the Lord.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



It is very important that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this Appeal so that the various agencies of our diocese can continue to assist our fellow-Rhode Islanders in need. Every gift, big or small, is important to our success.

Holy Apostles' Goal: \$133,665.00

Amount Collected as of 3/6: \$60,552.66

Visit givecentral.org/2026CCA to make your difference today. Thank you again.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ FRIDAYS:
March 20 & 27 at 6:30pm.



Parish Lenten Collection

Sponsored by the Apostles of Mercy

Donations can be put in the boxes at the entrances of the Church.

Homeless kits (travel sized body wash, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, body lotion, wet wipes in a clear gallon size bag.

Family Size Personal Hygiene Products – specifically bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner

Laundry detergent, dish soap & household cleansers

ITALIAN NIGHT –



SATURDAY, MARCH 21st at 6:00PM
\$25. Adults / \$10. Children 12 & under

Tickets may be purchased after Mass or the parish office. This benefits our Teen Mission Program.

CONGRATULATIONS



On Sunday, March 8th, the Holy Apostles 7th/8th Grade, Boys Grammar D1 Basketball team won the Catholic Athletic League (CAL) Championship. The team led by coaches: Marc Pelagalli and John Carl Cruz, had an undefeated season and will now represent the Diocese of Providence at the New England CYO Tournament in Bridgeport, CT, March 20- 22, 2026. Congratulations and best of luck at the New England's!!!

STUDENTS & PARENTS MEETING

Grade 8 and Confirmation I
Sunday, March 22 at 5:30PM

Catholic School (Grades K-8) Tuition Assistance

In order to ensure objectivity, the Diocesan Catholic School Office's policy requires that parents complete a financial aid application form that may be obtained from the Catholic school the child attends or plans to attend next year. In addition, a written letter (no emails) requesting consideration for assistance must be submitted to Fr. Ledoux no later than April 30th. **Please mark your envelope with Tuition Assistance.**

-Families requesting assistance must follow church law on fulfilling the "Sunday" obligation to attend Mass. It should also be by way of exception that a family attends Mass in a parish other than Holy Apostles.

-At least one parent must be involved in a parish program/ministry.

-Families must be regular contributors to the parish budget using the weekly envelopes or through Faith Direct.

Save The Date

CABARET

APRIL 10TH & 11TH

6:00pm

More information next week.



Men of Saint Joseph International

MosJI

The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month for fellowship and discussion. Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: <https://www.mosji.org/>

Next Meeting: March 18th at 7:00PM

Holy Apostles Thousand Club



Congratulations to our February Winners~

\$500	#826	Matthew Ledoux
\$150	#696	Clifford Verduchi
\$100	#73	Cindy Olivo
\$50	#1836	Christina Conroy
\$50	#1917	Suzann Ierfino
\$25	#364	Catherine Duarte
\$25	#1378	Carol Rekrut
\$25	#1484	Frank & Carolyn Tortis
\$25	#1582	Evan Cabral
\$25	# 1617	Janice Ruggieri
\$25	#2606	Michael Pirolli

STEWARDSHIP



Time and Talent - We wish to thank all those parishioners who are always so willing to pitch in and lend a helping hand. Their participation contributes to the vibrancy of our community.

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This is a great way to streamline your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community.

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Save The Date

Holy Apostles Church Golf Tournament

Golf Registration: 11:30AM/Shotgun Start:
1:00PM/Dinner & Raffles: 6:30PM

Monday, June 1, 2026

Alpine Country Club
251 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston, RI
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WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED	
	We wish to welcome the following infants who, through the Sacrament of Baptism, were recently received into the Community of Faith here at Holy Apostles.
Eliana Ianiero	Child of: Nicholas & Iceiss
Robert Rebussini III	Child of: Robert & Alyssa
Luca Palumbo	Child of: Steven & Monica
Luke Tasca	Child of: Christopher & Kristina
Massimo Didone	Child of: Michael & Nicole
Charlotte Gauvin	Child of: Daniel & Frances
Ellie Armstrong	Child of: Michael & Olivia
Olivia Oakes	Child of: Daniel & Brianna
Raphael Ricci	Child of: Nikolas & Giana
Domenic Nardolillo	Child of: Andrew & Erin
Amalia Centonze	Child of: John & Arianna
Roman Centonze	Child of: John & Arianna
Adriana Richards	Child of: Bryan & Alessandra
We pray that the flame of faith burns brightly in their minds and hearts all the days of their lives.	

Please pray for the souls of:



Robert Squizzero Sr., Maureen Brown
 Vito Antonucci Jr., Delores Melillo
 Evelyn Maggiasco, Edward Hanley III
 Marie Carnevale, Patricia DiSciullo
 Anthony Barile, Robert Stephenson
 Rosa Giarrusso

who passed away and their funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles. We wish to express our sympathy to their families.

Please note the change in the Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:
 Easter Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 11am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent</i>	March 14
2:00 PM	<u>Benjamin Richtarik & Simone Tessier Wedding</u>	
5:00 PM	<u>Rita & Frank Sullivan</u> Requested by Friends	
Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 15
8:30 AM	<u>Michael Pezza Sr. (21st Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Joan Gannon (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
2:00 PM	Confirmation	
✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Diana Carroccia (4th Anniv.) requested by Little Apostles Teachers.		
✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Kathleen M. Plante (Birthday Rem.) requested by Family.		
Monday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 16
8:30 AM	<u>David DeCosta (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Montecalvo Family <u>Alexis Morales</u> Requested by Family	
Tuesday	<i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i>	March 17
8:30AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Wednesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 18
8:30 AM	<u>Maureen Brown (Month's Mind)</u> Requested by Keri Birrell <u>Fr. Alfred Almonte</u> Requested by Family	
Thursday	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	March 19
8:30 AM	<u>Claudio Zuena (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family <u>Rose Taraborelli</u> Requested by Family	
Friday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 20
8:30AM	<u>The Wilson & Nealon Family</u> Requested by Kristin & Mark Wilson	
6:30PM	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent</i>	March 21
5:00 PM	<u>Joseph A. Fera (1st Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 22
8:30 AM	<u>Albert Mastrodicasa (6th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Sincerny Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Darlene Sczerbinski (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	

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