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# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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*Established July 25, 1991 + Church dedicated July 24, 1994*

*Community Life Center dedicated June 30, 2001*

### Reverend William J. Ledoux

*Pastor / wjl@holyapostles.com*

### Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

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*Pastor Emeritus*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

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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](http://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:

Today we approach the Fifth Sunday of our Lenten Journey. Our Gospel this day, weekend is again taken from the Gospel according to John. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus'

tomb. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

This weekend we begin the last third of the Lenten season. Even if we have not been at all that faithful to our chosen Lenten practices, it is not too late now to resolve to open ourselves to encounter with Jesus so that we can approach Easter with a renewed spirit seeking new life. Let us resolve to make the remainder of this journey be attentive to our call of discipleship.

Have a good week!

*Fr. Ledoux*

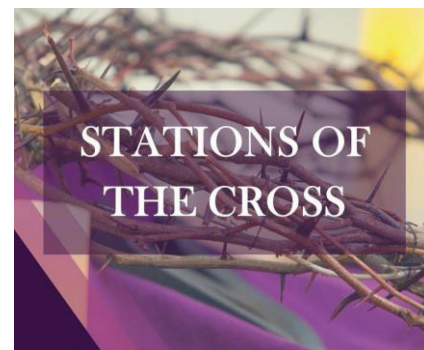


It is very important that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this Appeal so that the various agencies of our diocese can continue to assist our fellow-Rhode Islanders in need. Every gift, big or small, is important to our success.

***Holy Apostles' Goal:*** \$133,665.00

***Amount Collected as of 3/13:*** \$75,597.66

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ FRIDAY**

March 27 at 6:30pm.

***Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2026***



### **HOLY THURSDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Holy Communion & Procession: 7:00PM  
Adoration until 10:00PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Walkathon: 10:00AM  
Stations of the Cross: 3:00PM  
Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion:  
7:00PM

### **HOLY SATURDAY, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Solemn Vigil and Mass  
of the Lord's Resurrection: 7:00PM

### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Note Mass times have changed for Easter Sunday only.**

Masses: 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:00AM

### **GOOD FRIDAY WALKATHON**

Our annual **Good Friday Walk** will take place here at Holy Apostles on FRIDAY, April 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 10:00 am. This 5K walk up and back on Pippin Orchard Rd. raises money for poor and disadvantaged children here and at Blessed Assurance, Montego Bay, Jamaica. All teens in Grades 6 through 9 are expected to walk and ALL younger children and families are invited as well. This is an excellent way for our older teens (Grades 9-12) to earn service hours. This is a great day to honor Jesus as we commemorate His passion and death. No pre-registration is necessary, and we should be done by 11:30am.



**“Operation Rice Bowl”** It would be helpful for us if you would take the loose change and convert it into currency or into a check. All of the money received will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

## **EASTER DECORATIONS**

Included in your budget envelopes this year is our annual envelope which helps cover the cost of our Easter flowers and decorations.



Donations may be made in the name of a deceased loved one. A special Memorial Mass will be on Monday, April 17, 2026.

### **STUDENTS & PARENTS MEETING**

#### **Grade 8 and Confirmation I**

Sunday, March 22 at 5:30PM

**In the Parish Center**

### **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.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Summer Classes: June 22-25**
- **Vacation Bible Camp: July 13-17**
- **Teen Retreat: August 1-2**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2026*

# CONFIRMATION 2026



**Congratulations** to the following young men and women who were confirmed by Bishop Bruce Lewandowski on March 15th:

Brooke Bailey	Luke Giroux-Pezzullo
Isabella Barros	Alexis Graziano
William Bateman	Ella Grenier
Bree Bedard	Liana Grenon
Victoria Blessington	Allie Guisti
Eliana Bogosian	Chase Hallam
Matthew Cardarelli	Nathan Hallam
Mackenzie Carter	Lina Hamilton
Nora Ciccone	Jayden Hogan
Luciana Cipolla	Matthew Iannitti
Caroline Clemence	Nathan Izzi
Addison Colagiovanni	Tyler Lamond
Benjamin Cote	Giuliana Macko
Miley Cournoyer	Matthew Marcello
Lyla Couture	Elizabeth Moretta
Gabriella Crudale	Sofia Nardelli
James Curran	Giuliana Parks
Chase D'Ambra	Aidyn Pizzuti
David Delaplain	Grace Renza
David DeSarro	Kathleen Rossi
Ella Desrosiers	Andrew Schiappa
Madeline DiBenedetto	Rheanna Sears
Antonio DiRaimo	Adam Sepe
Valentina Dos Santos	Adam Shone
Thomas Ferry	Jayden Silva
Bella Flad	Isabella Soscia
Kasen Gallant	Luca Talamo
Joseph Garcia	Emma Toolin



Starting April 7<sup>th</sup>, we are selling a maximum of 100 tickets at \$100 each and awarding one **CASH PRIZE** at our Golf Tournament on **Monday, June 1, 2026**. There will be an "Early Bird" drawing of \$500 for all tickets sold and paid for prior to April 30, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your number.

## 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  
02921*



### Men of Saint Joseph International

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: April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM**



**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00pm**

**\$40/per person**

Ticket includes: hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and entertainment under the direction of Mark Colozzi and the Life Teen Band. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of March 28/29

**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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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>March 21</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Joseph A. Fera (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>March 22</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Albert Mastrodicasa (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Sincerny Family	
11:00 AM	<b>Darlene Sczerbinski (Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
<p>✠ The <b>Altar Bread</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Raymond Alexandre (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> requested by Wife &amp; Family.</p> <p>✠ The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Luca Simeone</b> requested by Family.</p>		
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<b>March 23</b>
8:30 AM	<b>For the People</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<b>March 24</b>
8:30AM	<b>Anna &amp; Vittorio D'Artista</b> Requested by Family <b>Dolly Rossi</b> Requested by Bob & Lucy Almberg	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<b>March 25</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Rena Ricci (Birthday Rem.)</b> <b>Anna DiCenso (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family <b>All Living Souls</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<b>March 26</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Susan Donat (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<b>March 27</b>
8:30AM	<b>Dorothy Carbone (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family <b>Agoberto Leon (4 Month Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
6:30PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: Palm Sunday</i>	<b>March 28</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Helen &amp; Walter Legenza (Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	<b>March 29</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Clairette Martin (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Son & Daughter-in-Law	
11:00 AM	<b>Anthony Marchetti II (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family	

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