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# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

800 PIPPIN ORCHARD ROAD  
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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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### Deacon Gregory P. Albanese

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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.





Dear Parishioners:

The season of Lent has been an important time in the life of each of us here at Holy Apostles Parish. It began very dramatically with the reception of ashes, in a sense, marking us as God's people. This weekend we receive palms, which remind us of the people's love for Jesus - a love that turned to hate and indifference, quite rapidly. The special practices of Lent.... added prayer, fasting, almsgiving... remind us that this was no ordinary time. Because Lent is a season with a personality of its own, we tend to think of it as a season, which has its existence just for the sake of itself. However, it is important to remind ourselves that Lent exists only as preparation for something bigger. That something bigger is the ***Easter Triduum***.

The term ***Easter Triduum*** might not sound familiar to you; however, you are very familiar with it. The Triduum is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us. During this most solemn of weeks, I invite all the members of our Parish Family to join us for the solemn observance of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. These days of Holy Week offer us a rare opportunity to renew our faith in the Lord who died for us. If you have never attended these services before, or if it has been many years since you attended them, this would be a good year to make a special effort to attend. It will be an experience for you and your family to see and participate in the beauty of these days when the Church invites us to share in the fullness of Joy which the Resurrection brings to us. Let us complete Lent as a parish family by renewing our faith together during Holy Week.

In 2023 in his homily on Palm Sunday, our now late Holy Father Pope Francis who passed

the day after Easter last year stated: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). *This is the cry that today's liturgy has us repeat in the responsorial psalm (cf. Ps 22:2), the only cry that Jesus makes from the cross in the Gospel we have heard. Those words bring us to the very heart of Christ's passion, the culmination of the sufferings he endured for our salvation. "Why have you forsaken me?"*

*The sufferings of Jesus were many, and whenever we listen to the account of the Passion, they pierce our hearts. There were sufferings of the body: we think of the slaps and beatings, flogging and the crowning with thorns, and in the end, the cruelty of the crucifixion. There were also sufferings of the soul: the betrayal of Judas, the denials of Peter, the condemnation of the religious and civil authorities, the mockery of the guards, the jeering at the foot of the cross, the rejection of the crowd, utter failure and the flight of the disciples.*

*Yet, amid all these sorrows, Jesus remained certain of one thing: the closeness of the Father. Now, however, the unthinkable has taken place. Before dying, he cries out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus' abandonment. Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the "forsaken" Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation."*  
*Saint Peter's Rome Apr 2, 2023*

God Bless,  
Fr. Ledoux



***Holy Apostles' Goal:*** \$133,665.00  
***Amount Collected as of 3/20:*** \$80,002.66

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***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 29, 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.

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## **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.



### **Catholic School** **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**

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## STEWARDSHIP



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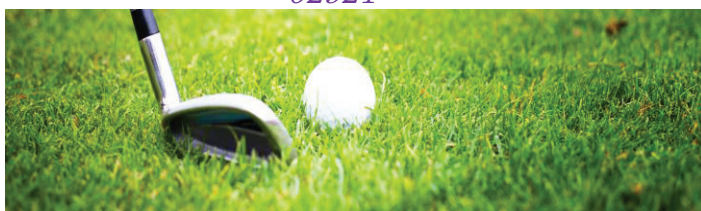
## Save The Date

### Holy Apostles Church Golf Tournament

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

**Monday, June 1, 2026**

*Alpine Country Club*  
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**Thank You!**

*Thanks to all for your ongoing weekly contributions of food items for our needy.*

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Please pray for those serving our country

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- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jacob Anderson, US Marine
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- ❖ ETN2 John Andrew Loiselle, US Navy
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- ❖ SSG 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mark O'Brien, US Army
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- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Andrew Smedberg, RI Army National Guard
- ❖ Cadet Matthew Vartanian, URI ROTC, RI Army Nat. Guard
- ❖ SPC4 Luke Rossi, US Army
- ❖ Lt. Col. Thomas W. Manera, Jr., RI Army National Guard
- ❖ PFC Jase Deanseris, RI Army National Guard
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andrew Cooney, US Army
- ❖ EMNC Austin J. Collins, US Navy
- ❖ Capt. Joseph Palazini, US Army
- ❖ Sgt. John D'Aguanno, US Army
- ❖ GSM1 Kyle Choquette, US Navy
- ❖ Msgt/1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Scott Wildenhain, US Air Force
- ❖ Capt. Sarah Wildenhain, US Air Force
- ❖ Lt. Junior Grade Matthew Tassinari, US Navy

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<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	
<p>✠ The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>John A. Baldinelli</b> requested by Ronald &amp; Elizabeth Marocco.</p>		
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<b>March 30</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Francis A. Donahue Jr. (5th Anniversary)</b> Requested by Wife, BettyAnn & Daughter, Holly	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>March 31</b>
8:30AM	<b>Loretta Chasse</b> <b>Dottie &amp; Ray Walsh</b> Requested by Montecalvo Family <b>Robert Squizzero Sr. (Month's Mind)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>April 1</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Jeanette Rossi (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Debbie & Family <b>Carolyn Riley (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	<b>April 2</b>
8:30 AM	<u>No Mass</u>	
7:00 PM	<u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<b>April 3</b>
8:30AM	<u>No Mass</u>	
3:00 PM	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>	
7:00PM	<u>Liturgy of the Passion &amp; Death of Our Lord</u>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>April 4</b>
7:00 PM	<u>Solemn Vigil and Mass of the Lord's Resurrection</u>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>April 5</b>
8:00 AM	<b>Holy Apostles Memorial Society</b>	
9:30 AM	<b>Lois Ledoux (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b>Irene Richardson (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</b> <b>James &amp; Susan Richardson</b> Requested by Family	

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