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APRIL 19, 2026

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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

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Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

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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.



Dear Friends,

I wish to express my deep gratitude to all those that made our CABARET: “Encore! A Dazzling Decade of Cabaret” such a success. The two evenings of song and food were outstanding! Thank you to all that attended and all those who contributed in any way to help fund our Mission Trip in June to Blessed Assurance Orphanage in Jamaica.

The message we are to receive this Easter season is a message of hope and joy. That is the message of the Road to Emmaus as well. The disciples were fleeing something in today’s Gospel, trying to get away from Jerusalem. But, along the way, they were conversing and debating, talking and discussing, inquiring and examining. They were trying to make sense of what was going on when, on the surface, things did not make sense at all. And that is what Christ wants us to do as well: to make sense of the reality of the risen Christ in our lives this Easter season, to converse and debate, to talk and discuss, to inquire and examine. We may want to flee and just forget about things, to not face some of the realities that are present in our lives. But the risen Christ is there to help us in our reality, whatever that reality may be. Christ is risen, but what does that mean for us?

The problem that the disciples encountered is the same problem many of us face today; Jesus’ death on the cross is understood only if we understand his mission. The disciples in today’s Gospel reading are still unclear on just what Jesus’ mission was. Jesus dedicated his life to fulfilling the mission that the Father entrusted to him. In the end, this mission is accepting the sovereignty of God. However, Jesus’ mission of preaching the Kingdom raised opposition and doubt. Jesus remained faithful to his mission despite all the difficulties and eventually the apparent “failure” of this mission due to his death on the cross.

The first Christians had to respond to this apparent failure and their opposition was at times hostile. Adversaries claimed that Jesus was not the Messiah precisely because of his death on the cross and because he had been condemned and rejected by the religious leaders of the time. Undoubtedly, the disciples were seeing Jesus’ death in the same light. Not until they witnessed the risen Christ did, they finally understand. Once

this happened, their lives took on an entirely new meaning. They understood, then that Jesus’ death was a perfect sacrifice capable of reestablishing a new relationship with God. Because Jesus died on the cross in obedience to the will of the Father, his cross was now seen as the ultimate manifestation of God’s love for us.

To this end, the first disciples preached Jesus’ death and resurrection, and did so especially by their example. They identified to such an extent with this Jesus that martyrdom was common among these first Christians. They finally understood that to become a true disciple they must become like Jesus himself – obedient to the truth of God’s Word despite the difficulty, despite the opposition, despite the hostility. In the end they identified so much with Jesus that like him, they loved and forgave, while upholding truth and justice to the ultimate consequences. As followers of Jesus today we are called to do the same. These two disciples were able to break away from the past and from all that was holding them back. They were able to leave behind their frustration and confusion to work towards healing from their brokenness. They were able to look beyond their hopelessness and see the hope in Jesus’ presence with them in the way they offered kindness and help to Jesus when they thought him to be a stranger. Finally, after they were able to break open God’s word and break bread with this stranger, they were able to recognize Jesus as the stranger in their midst.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

If you or someone you know has a loved one serving in our armed forces, please send their names with rank and branch of military to cad@holyapostles.com.



Holy Apostles’ Goal: \$133,665.00
Amount Collected as of 4/10: \$97,947.66

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

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2026

Teens on a Mission 26



We are pleased to announce our Mission team 2026. The mission is June 27 – July 3 to Blessed Assurance, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Please continue to pray for our team as we prepare for this faith-filled experience.

Our Team

Fr. William Ledoux - Pastor, Spiritual Director
 Michael Santilli - Director
 Jen Fyrer - Director
 Mark Colozzi - Music Director
 Michael Conti - Chaperone
 Michael Vieira - Chaperone
 Maddie Deanseris, Emilia Deanseris, Ellie Spirito,
 Ava Lombardi, Cara D'Ercole, Adriana Catelli, Ben Spirito, Jase Deanseris

Holy Apostles Church

Seventh Annual Golf Tournament



Starting April 21st, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter</i>	April 18
5:00 PM	Flora DiMascio (4th Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	April 19
8:30 AM	Rita & Roland Tetreault Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Judith Vartanian (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Lucille Simas (Birthday Rem.) requested by Family.		
✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Cindy Gates (7th Anniversary) requested by The Simeone's.		
Monday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 20
8:30 AM	Marion Gaeta (5th Anniversary) Requested by Family Anthony & Sue Catalozzi Requested by Family	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 21
8:30AM	For the People	
Wednesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 22
8:30 AM	Abel D'Silva (Month's Mind) Requested by Family	
Thursday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 23
8:30 AM	Tilda Tatarian (29th Anniversary) Requested by Daughter, Maria	
Friday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 24
8:30AM	Special Intention	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	April 25
5:00 PM	Anthony & Angela Chrones Requested by Jim & Cheryl Chrones & Family	
Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	April 26
8:30 AM	Anthony J. Ruschetta (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Donna & Anthony Ruschetta	
11:00 AM	Arthur Melone (25th Anniversary) Requested by Family	

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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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Holy Apostles Second Annual May Breakfast



SUNDAY, MAY 3rd

9am to 10:30am

Parish Center

A Hearty Homemade Breakfast:



eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, pancakes, muffins, bagels, toast, Dunkin Donuts, fruit salad, coffee & juice

Adults: \$15. Children: \$5. Family Max: \$30.

Tickets are **LIMITED** and available after Masses the weekends of 4/19 & 4/26 or in the parish office.

MARK your CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES:

Middle School and Confirmation Classes:

June 22 to June 25, 2026

Vacation Bible Camp:

July 13 – July 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 Parish Soft.

Thank You!

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



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month in the Church followed by fellowship and discussion. **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22nd at 8:00am.** For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: www.rimosj.org.

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Holy Apostles Church

Seventh Annual Golf Tournament



Monday, June 1, 2026

Alpine Country Club

Registration and grill lunch @ 11:30am/1:00pm Shotgun Start
Awards, Raffles & Dinner following Golf

Please complete and return this form with payment to: Holy Apostles Church, 800 Pippin Orchard Rd, Cranston RI 02921 Attention: Michael Santilli **Registration deadline: May 17, 2026**

Player Registration Form - \$200 Per Player/\$800. Per Foursome

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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***Dinner Guest Only Option – 6pm Arrival**

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Tee Sponsor Form - \$150.00

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