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APRIL 26, 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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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 weekend is traditionally called Good Shepherd Weekend, because in each year of the liturgical cycle on this 4th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the "good shepherd". It is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus said: "The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger, they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and snatches them from the jaws of the marauding wolf. He is the true shepherd who fulfills Ezechiel's prophecy foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life to those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls. or sense of responsibility to those in their charge.

The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. Is there not something very sheeplike about humans who, because God gave us a limited intellect, thinks they know all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the individual who thinks they can do without God's revelation and God's Church. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be His good sheep, listening

attentively to His voice, and follow His example of self-giving love. Let us also pray for all our shepherds, especially our religious and political leaders. May they follow the example of Jesus who was willing to serve and lay down His life for His sheep. Jesus our Shepherd is the Way, Truth, and Life.

On this World Day of Vocations, let also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life here in the Diocese of Providence, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, and to follow him in religious life.

Next Saturday we joyfully celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion here at Holy Apostles. Please keep the children of our Parish in your prayers.

Have a good week!
Fr. Ledoux



Holy Apostles' Goal: \$133,665.00
Amount Collected as of 4/17: \$106,297.66

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

Please pray for those serving our country



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@holypostles.com.

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2026

Cabaret 26



Teens on A Mission wishes to THANK all who contributed their time, talent and treasure to make our Cabaret such a great success. We are very grateful for all those who supported us by attending the performances. Our special THANKS to all who helped us in any way, especially:

- Mark Colozzi and the Teen Choir for spectacular performances
- PARENTS of our mission team who worked tirelessly both evenings
- Our kitchen staff: Mark & Domenica Mooradian, Mike & Gina Conti, Paula Kriticos, Mary Pietrantozzi, & Steve Pilz
- Bob & Debbie Favicchio who provided delicious popcorn for both of our shows.
- Ann Marie Carbone, Donna Nardolillo and Lynne Craddock who assisted with our raffle
- Food donations by Ruffino's, Lou Umberto, Dimitri & Paula Kriticos, Cranston West Culinary Arts program, and our many "parish bakers"
- Nardolillo Funeral Home for donating our beautiful floral centerpiece
- Lori Patatanes for our decorative balloon displays
- Andrea Vlaun for her creative set design and decorations
- Jay Vlaun, Top Notch Rentals, for lights, high top tables and linens
- Mike Sormanti for arranging our overhead gym lighting
- Christine Dooley, our parish Administrative Coordinator

God bless you all for your help and generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	April 25
5:00 PM	<u>Anthony & Angela Chrones</u> Requested by Jim & Cheryl Chrones & Family	
Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	April 26
8:30 AM	<u>Anthony J. Ruscetta (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Donna & Anthony Ruscetta	
11:00 AM	<u>Arthur Melone (25th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
	✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Raymond Pellegrino (Birthday Rem.) requested by Family.	
	✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Angelina Passarella & Nicola Moscarelli requested by Grandchildren.	
Monday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 27
8:30 AM	<u>Dagoberto Leon</u> Requested by Family	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 28
8:30AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Wednesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 29
8:30 AM	<u>Open</u>	
Thursday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 30
8:30 AM	<u>Open</u>	
Friday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	May 1
8:30AM	<u>Jason George (30th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 2
10:00 AM	<u>First Holy Communion</u>	
5:00 PM	<u>Norma Salley</u> Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 3
8:30 AM	<u>Gary Troiani (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Wife, Diana	
11:00 AM	<u>Anthony Frattarelli Jr. (4th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2026

Confirmation Program

❖ Current Confirmation I candidates ~

Mass SIGN-IN continues until the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held June 22- June 25 from 9:30am to 12:00noon in the parish center. You are already registered, please just notify us of any phone or email address changes.



Middle School Program Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8

Classes are in the SUMMER, **JUNE 22 – JUNE 25**, from **5:00pm-7:30pm** in the parish center. These four days of classes will take the place of coming to class weekly during the school year. The registration fee is \$60 per student. In addition to the classes in the summer, there will be several scheduled events during the year. This schedule will be posted in September.

REGISTRATION materials were emailed to each middle school family but are also available on our website: www.holyapostles.com or in the parish office. Please have all registration forms and the registration fee back to us by JUNE 1st. If your son/daughter will attend a Catholic school next year, please complete the registration form **ONLY** (NO fee required). This will help us to update our records.

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.

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.



First Communion is

Saturday, May 2nd @ 10:00am

*Rehearsal on April 27th @ 4:15pm

May Procession: May 3rd at 8:30am Mass

NEW CONFIRMATION I CANDIDATE & a Parent Orientation Meeting

(Catholic AND public school students entering Grade 9 in Sept. 2026)

Sunday, May 17th @ 10am

OR

Tuesday, May 19th @ 6pm

in the parish center.

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2026

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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- ❖ Log in to:
<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/FD-18>

Thank you!

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



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.

Holy Apostles Church

Seventh Annual Golf Tournament



Alpine Country Club June 1, 2026

Registration and grill lunch @ 11:30am
1:00pm Shotgun Start

Awards, Raffles & Dinner following Golf
\$200 Per Player/\$800. Per Foursome

*Forms are on our website or in the parish office.



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.

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