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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 Parishioners,

As we begin this Month of May, I wish to share with you the words of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he offered a few years back regarding the Month of May and devotion to our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph. *“St Joseph, together with Mary, share a single common center of attention: Jesus. They accompany and nurture the growth of the Son of God made man for us with commitment and tenderness, reflecting on everything that happened. In the Gospels, St Luke twice emphasizes the attitude of Mary, which is also that of St Joseph: she “kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (2:19,51). To listen to the Lord, we must learn to contemplate, feel his constant presence in our lives and we must stop and converse with him, give him space in prayer. Each of us, even you boys and girls, young people, so many of you here this morning, should ask yourselves: “how much space do I give to the Lord? Do I stop to talk with him?” Ever since we were children, our parents have taught us to start and end the day with a prayer, to teach us to feel that the friendship and the love of God accompanies us. Let us remember the Lord more in our daily life!*

And in this month of May, I would like to recall the importance and beauty of the prayer of the Holy Rosary. Reciting the Hail Mary, we are led to contemplate the mysteries of Jesus, that is, to reflect on the key moments of his life, so that, as with Mary and St Joseph, he is the center of our thoughts, of our attention and our actions. It would be nice if, especially in this month of May, we could pray the Holy Rosary together in the family, with friends, in the parish, or some prayer to Jesus and the Virgin Mary! Praying together is a precious moment that further strengthens family life, friendship! Let us learn to pray more in the family and as a family!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask St Joseph and the Virgin Mary to teach us to be faithful to our daily tasks, to live our faith in the actions of everyday life and to give more space to the Lord in our lives, to pause to contemplate his face.” POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Saint Peter's Square Wednesday, 1st May 2013

I would like to begin with a humorous story: It's about a man who falls off a cliff. On the way down he manages to grab a tree limb. With both hands grasping the limb, he looks down into a deep canyon. He cries out, "Help, please. Is anyone up there?" After an unbearable silence, a voice answers, "Yes, I am here." "Who are you?" the man shouts. "It's me, the Lord!" Greatly relieved, the man says, "Oh, thank you! Have you come to rescue me?" "Yes," says the Lord. "But you will have to trust me and do exactly what I say." "Anything!" the man says. The Voice says, "Let go. I will catch you." The man thinks for a second, looks down into the canyon, then asks, "Is there anyone else up there?" On the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the heart of the lectionary readings is taken from Saint John's Gospel. This reading is both inspirational and challenging. During the uncertain times that we face in our world, Jesus' assurance, "do not let your hearts be troubled" truly hits home. Without denying our anxiety and concern for ourselves, loved ones, and the nation, Jesus' words with his disciples, with a cross looming on the horizon, invite us to reflect on the scope of salvation and trust that God has prepared a place for us and our loved ones that is more than we can ask or imagine. This does not lure us away from our troubled world but places the troubles we face now and in the future in God's care. While we cannot truly fathom Jesus' words, we can trust his words when we are faced with realities we cannot control and must endure. Life's challenges and disappointments can be accepted gracefully when we know that God is with us and that in the here and now and in any imaginable future, God has prepared a place for us. In this day and age people are a lot like the early disciples/ apostles, confused; upset; bewildered and just as they did, we must also do. We must go on trusting in God. What real faith does is assure us that God is always with us. There is no one else up there. He alone can rescue us. But there is a hitch: We must let go and trust totally in Him. So, when things are bad, may we hear the gentle words of Jesus; "Believe in God, and believe in me also; for I am the way, the truth and the life."

Congratulations to those that received First Holy Communion on Saturday!

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



Holy Apostles' Goal: \$133,665.00
Amount Collected as of 4/24: \$107,797.66

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

EVENING WITH MARY



In honor of Mary, please join us for a special evening of the Rosary and Devotion to Mary on
Monday, May 11th at 6:30pm.

Vacation Bible Camp



Vacation Bible Camp:

July 13 – July 17, 2026
9:30am to Noon

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.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2026

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.

*Not a golfer?

Please join us for dinner at 6:00pm.
Please remember to fill out a form to join us.

*Remember to return your \$5. raffle tickets to
the parish office.

#10249	Name: _____	Holy Apostles Church 1 st Prize: 50+ Large Screen TV Donated by: Barbara Papitto 2 nd Prize: \$200 Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card Donated by: Kathy & Joe Pezza, Pezza Orthodontics 3 rd Prize: \$100 Gift Card Donated by: Anonymous Donation \$5 per ticket or 6 for \$25 Donation Not Required Winners must be 18 years or older Drawing: June 1, 2026	#10249
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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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Thank you!

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



SPRING & SUMMER Used CLOTHING DRIVE

June 6/7 WEEKEND Drop off – Parish Center

***We will only accept clothing this weekend only.**

Sponsored by Apostles of Mercy Committee



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 Saturday, May 9 at 8:00am.** For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: www.rimosj.org.



Special Collection

“Help us melt the bill away” is a special collection to help defray the cost of the snow removal and cleanup of the Blizzard/Winter of 2026. Bishop Lewandowski has granted permission for Parishes to have a second collection to help defray the cost of the Winter of 2026. The snow removal cost for Holy Apostles Parishes from November of 2025 until March of 2026 was \$80,000. A special collection will take place on the weekend of May 30th and 31st.

Please place your gift in an envelope and on the envelope please write **Winter Collection**. Thank you for your support of Holy Apostles Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 2
10:00 AM	First Holy Communion	
5:00 PM	Norma Salley Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 3
8:30 AM	Gary Troiani (Anniversary) Requested by Wife, Diana	
11:00 AM	Anthony Frattarelli Jr. (4th Anniversary) Requested by Family	
<p>✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Sue Giusti (14th Anniv.) & Albert Giusti Sr. (31st Anniv.) requested by Giusti & Simeone Family.</p> <p>✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Jeannette & Francis Guertin requested by Family.</p>		
Monday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	May 4
8:30 AM	Open	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	May 5
8:30AM	Open	
Wednesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	May 6
8:30 AM	For the People	
Thursday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	May 7
8:30 AM	Frank & Mary Muro Richard Muro Requested by Niece, Rosemarie & Family	
Friday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	May 8
8:30AM	Special Intention for Barbara Papitto Requested by Birthday Friends	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	May 9
5:00 PM	Mary Dalton (3rd Anniversary) Requested by McAssey Family	
Sunday	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day</i>	May 10
8:30 AM	Holy Apostles Memorial Society	
11:00 AM	Alessandra & Giovanni Vetrano Requested by Family	

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2026

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