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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,

Monday is Memorial Day it is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day, which has a history stretching back all the way to the Civil War, is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. Let us take the time this weekend to recall the lives of our loved ones that have gone before us and have given the ultimate sacrifice of service to our nation. We should all take a moment to bow our heads in prayer for the safety of all our men and women in our armed services.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Easter and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. What the Holy Spirit began on that first Pentecost has been handed down in every age to complete. We too have received that same Holy Spirit giving us the courage to put into practice during the week what we profess at weekend Mass. As Catholics we can and should make a difference in our world, not necessarily by doing extraordinary things, but by doing the ordinary things in an extraordinary way.

Pentecost does not belong to the past. It is here with us today calling us to overcome our reluctance to be pushed forward by

God's Spirit and to do what we know and see to be right and just and truthful. The Holy Spirit inspires us to do what God wants us to do. Pentecost matters in our lives today just as much as it did for those early believers (followers of Christ). It is remarkable and humbling to consider that God's loving presence, in the Holy Spirit, comes to live with imperfect humans like us when we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Described as our "Advocate" in John 14:26, the Holy Spirit is our ever-present help. We can know him, walk in relationships with him, call upon him and receive his perfect guidance every moment of every day. In a world that is rife with confusion, hatred and sin, the Holy Spirit can fill us with unshakable peace and hope. He gives discernment and direction that helps us live out our faith as children of God. The Spirit enlightens our minds, opens our hearts to the truth, and gives us the grace to choose goodness. He dwells in the community of the Church, giving us brotherly and sisterly love for one another and teaching us to become more like Jesus in the way we serve.

The Holy Spirit is present in the Church and with God's people, and the day of Pentecost honors the invaluable gift we have received in him. It also honors the very birthday of our beloved Church, the day that the Gospel began to go forth and draw many hearts to salvation. What an immeasurable impact Pentecost has made in all our lives!

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Fr. Ledoux



Holy Apostles' Goal: \$133,665.00
Amount Collected as of 5/15: \$120,788.66

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

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 24, 2026

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.



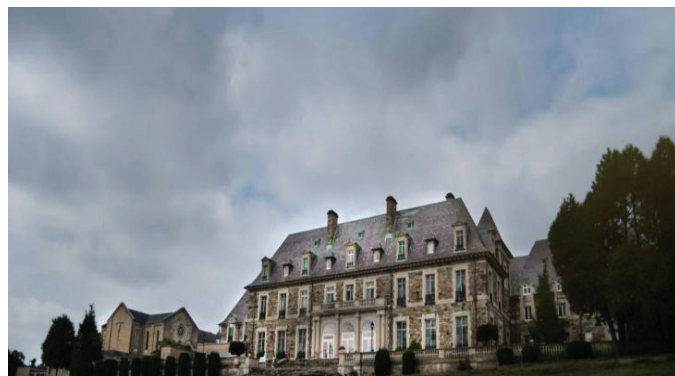
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WEEKEND
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Adoration at Aldrich



Join Bishop Lewandowski as he leads us in candlelight prayer and worship before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday May 28, 2026

*On the lawn behind Aldrich Mansion
(Warwick, RI)*

5:30 PM Doors open

6:30 PM Music & Confessions

7:00 PM Adoration & Confessions

8:00 PM Light refreshments

9:00 PM Evening Concludes

This is a free event. Register here by selecting *General Admission* when you sign up: <https://dioceseofprovidence.flocknote.com/signup/232490>

Important Event Details

- Please carpool if possible—parking is limited. Upon arrival, volunteers will guide you around the left side of the mansion to the lawn.
- ***Bring your own blankets or lawn chairs for seating. They will not be provided.***
- The event will take place outdoors on the beautiful lawn overlooking the water, so come prepared for the weather.
- In case of rain, the event will be held at St. Timothy/St. Rita Parish (1799 Warwick Avenue Warwick, RI)

Food and ice cream trucks will be on site with food available for purchase.

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Urge Your Rhode Island State Legislators Today

SAY "NO" TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE
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Take Action ↘

Tell your State Senator and State Representative to oppose SB 2051 and HB 7760.



Scan the QR code or go to <https://provd.io/pas> to voice your opposition as soon as possible!



Violates medical ethics to save lives and do no harm. Physician assisted suicide upturns ethical codes held by medical practitioners for centuries and is opposed by the American Medical Association and American College of Physicians.



No accountability for lethal drugs. Lethal drugs are not monitored or tracked. Many go unused leaving opioids, barbituates, and other harmful drugs open to falling into the hands of teens and drug dealers.



Sends the message that suicide is okay. Suicide prevention efforts are undercut by creating exceptions for life-threatening disabilities. All Rhode Islanders deserve equal protection when expressing suicidal ideation, not encouragement and assistance to commit suicide instead.



Lacks real safeguards. Where it's already legal, proponents use more legislation or lawsuits to expand it further succeeding in shortening waiting periods, eliminating residency requirements, and allowing lesser-qualified medical professionals to prescribe lethal drugs.



Makes vulnerable people feel like a burden. Half of those dying by assisted suicide didn't want to "be a burden" to families or caregivers. Pain, or fear of future pain, has never even been one of the top five reasons that patients ask to take their own life in Oregon.



Leaves vulnerable people at risk. Disability groups oppose physician assisted suicide because it says their lives are not worth living. Barely 4% of people choosing death in Washington were first referred for a mental health evaluation.

Seventh Annual Golf Tournament



Alpine Country Club
June 1, 2026

***This event is filled!**

We will take names for a wait list only.
Please contact Mike Santilli directly to be added to the wait list.

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.**

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.

Register NOW!

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.



Vacation Bible Camp:

July 13 – July 17, 2026

9:30am to Noon

Ages: 3 years to 5th Grade
\$70 per child

*This is a perfect event for middle school or Confirmation students to volunteer at. Please contact the parish office to do so.

Registration forms are available on our website or in the parish office.

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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.

Treasure – **Thank you for your financial support.**

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- ❖ Call ParishSOFT Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of the holiday and there will be no morning Mass here.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Pentecost Sunday</i>	May 23
5:00 PM	Sebastian Urbani (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Lynne & Bud Craddock	
Sunday	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	May 24
8:30 AM	Raymond Pellegrino (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Ann Fera Marston (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Susan Donat requested by Friends.		
✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Luigi Parravano (Anniversary) requested by Family.		
Monday	<i>Memorial Day</i>	May 25
8:30 AM	No Mass	
Tuesday	<i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	May 26
8:30AM	For the People	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i>	May 27
8:30 AM	Edward J. Hanley III (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i>	May 28
8:30 AM	Paul Rondeau (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	May 29
8:30AM	Pasco Ruggieri (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Daughters	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity</i>	May 30
5:00 PM	Claire Choiniere (Birthday Rem./Anniv.) Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	May 31
8:30 AM	Justine & Vincent Schiano Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Doreen Demers (8th Anniversary) Requested by Husband & Family	



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Next Meeting: June 6th @ 8:00AM

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