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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

*In Residence*

### Monsignor Richard D. Sheahan

*Pastor Emeritus*

### Monsignor Paul D. Theroux

*Pastor Emeritus*

### Deacon Gregory P. Albanese

*DeaconGreg33@gmail.com*

## 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.



## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The Trinity is the heart and soul of our faith. The feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us that every Sunday's gospel helps unfold the mystery of divine life: in each gospel, Jesus makes the Father's truth and love present in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. Every Sunday's Eucharist is the prayer of the church in living communion with the Risen Lord praising the Father through the power of the Spirit. Every good work we do is to share in Christ's mission of making the Father's truth and love present in the world because we share Christ's Spirit.

There is a very old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, "What you are trying to do - comprehend the immensity of God with your small head - is even more impossible." Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble God is love.

There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. We are made in the image of a triune God. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should always be creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose of

our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

*I join with Msgr. Sheahan; Msgr. Theroux; Msgr. Kenney and Deacon Albanese, as we extend our Congratulations and Prayers to all who have graduated from Colleges and Universities during the Month of May. Also, we pray for all those that are graduating from High School. May the good work that God has begun in each of you be brought to completion!*

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



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

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WEEKEND**

**Drop off – Parish Center**

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## 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 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please place your gift in an envelope and on the envelope please write **Winter Collection**.

Thank you for your support of Holy Apostles Parish.

Urge Your Rhode Island State Legislators Today

SAY “NO” TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

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- 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.

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!

## Confirmation Classes

will be the week of June 22 - June 25 from 9:30am to 12:00 noon 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](http://www.holyapostles.com) or in the parish office. Please have all registration forms and the registration fee back to us by **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

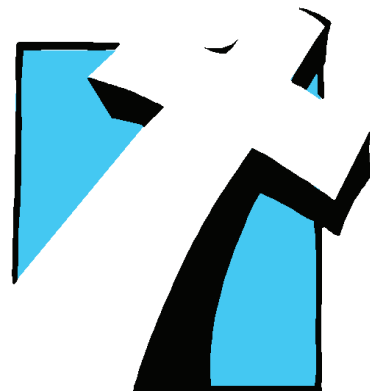
## High School Teens

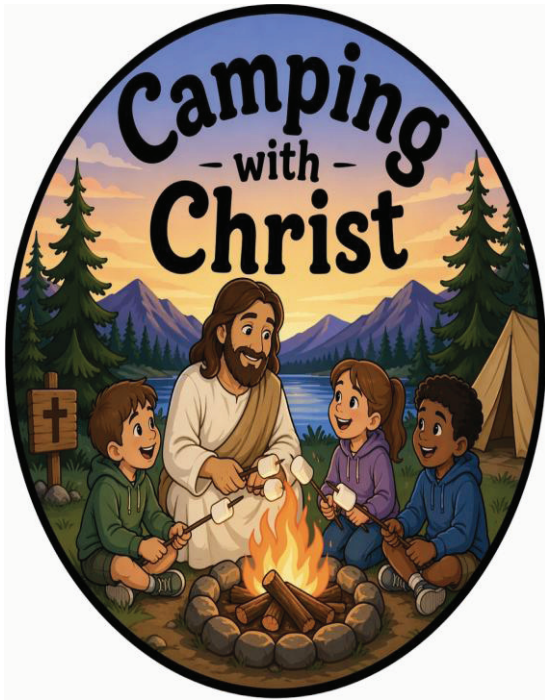
Save the date:

**Life Teen  
Retreat**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**More  
information to  
follow.**





## Vacation Bible Camp:

July 13 – July 17, 2026

9:30am to Noon

Ages: 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Men of Saint Joseph International

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, June 6th at 8:00am.** For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: [www.rimosj.org](http://www.rimosj.org).

## 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.**

### *Online Giving with Parish Soft Giving*

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### *Please pray for the souls of:*



Lucien Perron  
Phyllis Matrullo  
Abel D'Silva  
Piera Tedeschi  
Maria Carbone  
Cynthia Orlando  
Denise Schiano  
Anne Mitchell  
Beverly Cascella  
Anthony Russo  
Sandra Ewen

who passed away and their Funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles.

We wish to express our sympathy to their families.



# MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for those serving our country

- ❖ SSGT Joshua Anderson, US Marine
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jacob Anderson, US Marine
- ❖ TSGT Robert M. Braga, US Air Force
- ❖ HM3 Yosman Rodriguez, US Navy
- ❖ Senior Airman Benjamin Fredette, US Air Force
- ❖ PO1 Matthew Fyrer, US Coast Guard
- ❖ ETN2 John Andrew Loiselle, US Navy
- ❖ Capt. Benjamin M. Adamo, US Air Force
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trevor Kenahan, US Marine Corp.
- ❖ Capt. Dylan T. Farley, US Army
- ❖ A1C Michael J. Cuddemi, US Air Force
- ❖ SSG 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mark O'Brien, US Army
- ❖ Pvt Thomas Napolitano, US Army
- ❖ LtCdr James Cremean, US Navy
- ❖ SrA Ronald D. Garafano Jr., US Air Force
- ❖ Sgt. Victoria Seitz, US Army
- ❖ SFC Adam Shone, RI Army National Guard
- ❖ IT2 Travis Collins, US Navy
- ❖ LtCdr Ronald LaRocca, Navy
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. James Vartanian, RI Army National Guard
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Christopher Vartanian, RI Army Nat. Guard
- ❖ 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

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](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).

<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity</i>	<b>May 30</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Claire Choiniere (Birthday Rem./Anniv.)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	<b>May 31</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Justine &amp; Vincent Schiano</b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b>Doreen Demers (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Husband & Family	
✠ The <b>Altar Bread</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Lou Deanseris (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> requested by Wife and Family.		
✠ The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>William J. Poole (Wedding Anniversary)</b> requested by Wife.		
<b>Monday</b>	<i>St. Justin, Martyr</i>	<b>June 1</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Terrence E. Sullivan</b> Requested by Ed & Eileen Myers	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i>	<b>June 2</b>
8:30AM	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	<b>June 3</b>
8:30 AM	<b>For the People</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Weekday</i>	<b>June 4</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Robert Falso III (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Barbara Smith-White	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St. Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	<b>June 5</b>
8:30AM	<b>Peter Rocchio (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Sister, JoanMarie	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>	<b>June 6</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Guy &amp; Pierrette Demers</b> Requested by Son, Peter	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>	<b>June 7</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Allyson Gibree (Anniversary)</b> <b>Joe &amp; Jennie Luciano (Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b>Odosco &amp; Amalia Annese (Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	

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