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**Holy Apostles Parish  
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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

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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](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,

*I wish to express my deep gratitude for all those who participated in the Holy Apostles Golf Tournament last Monday at the Alpine Country Club. The day was outstanding! A special thanks to the Golf Committee and to the many sponsors that made the day so special!*

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi** ("The Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ"). This Feast celebrates the sacrament, which is the center of Catholic worship, the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist has been celebrated from the earliest days of the Church, but in the thirteenth century, there was a movement in the Catholic Church of the West for the establishment of a particular feast day in honor of the Eucharist. Pope Urban IV ordered the observance of such a feast in 1264, and in the following century, it became universal in the Western Church. For six hundred years that feast was observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but in 1970 the new Roman Missal, while retaining that day for some countries, provided that in others the feast be observed on the Sunday after Trinity. The latter is the case in the United States.

Today's celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord gives us an opportunity to focus our attention on this basic mystery of our faith, the Eucharist, and to explore the meaning of the Eucharist in our worship and in our daily living. What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is both a sacrament and a sacrifice. The Eucharist is a sacrament, an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us. In this Sacrament of Eucharist, we do meet Jesus Himself who comes to us under signs of bread and wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. We see with human eyes what looks like bread and wine. We see with eyes of faith, not bread and wine, but the Risen Living Lord Jesus. The Eucharist signifies the greatest act of sharing that Jesus could do for us. Today as a Church and a parish, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus a day that calls us to reflect upon the gift of God given to us in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

– a day that in so many ways captures the heart of this community of faith here in Western Cranston and, for that matter, in every parish that gathers around the altar of the Lord as we do this weekend.

All our lives and the very essence of our beings as Christians are directed towards the worship and praise of God, present to us in the Eucharist. And every good that emerges from us and that gives life to the promise of Jesus to remain with us always has its origin in the same Eucharist. In and through the sacrament of his body and blood, the sacrificial, selfless love of Jesus is present through the power and mercy of God. And so, our hearts should indeed well up in praise of God for the sublime gift of his presence, found in the simple gifts of bread and wine. And likewise, our spirits should claim the promise of Jesus to be with us always and to give us food for the journey of faith that we are called to live with and for a broken world – our struggling sisters and brothers. And so, my brothers and sisters, may our prayer on this great day in the Church embody these simple words: *As we receive Christ in the Eucharist, may we, in turn, become Christ for others.*

*Have a good week!*  
*Fr. Ledoux*

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 7, 2026**

**Urge Your Rhode Island State Legislators Today**

**SAY "NO" TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE**  
**CHOOSE COMPASSIONATE CARE**

**Take Action** ↗

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

- 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.

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



**Holy Apostles' Goal:** \$133,665.00  
**Amount Collected as of 6/1:** \$121,262.66

Visit [givecentral.org/2026CCA](http://givecentral.org/2026CCA) to make your difference today. Thank you again.



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**June 6/7  
 WEEKEND  
 Drop off – Parish Center**

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

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## High School Teens

*Register Now:*

**Life Teen  
 Retreat**

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

Registration forms on our website and in the parish office.



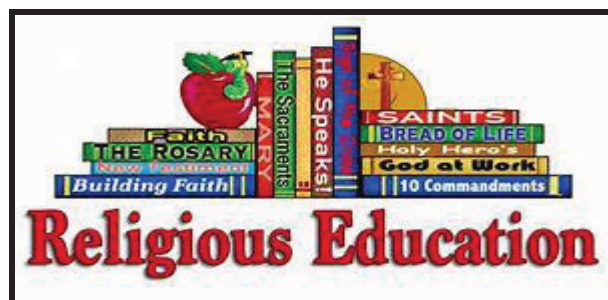
## Confirmation Classes

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 ~**

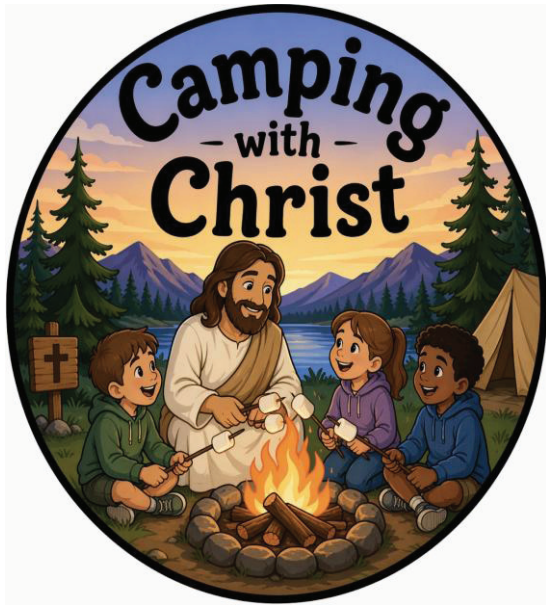
**Mass SIGN-IN** continues until the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held June 22- June 25 from 9:30am to 12:00noon in the parish center. You are already registered, please just notify us of any phone or email address changes.



## 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. All registration forms and the registration fee were due 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.



## 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 Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00pm.** 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

This is a great way to streamline your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community.

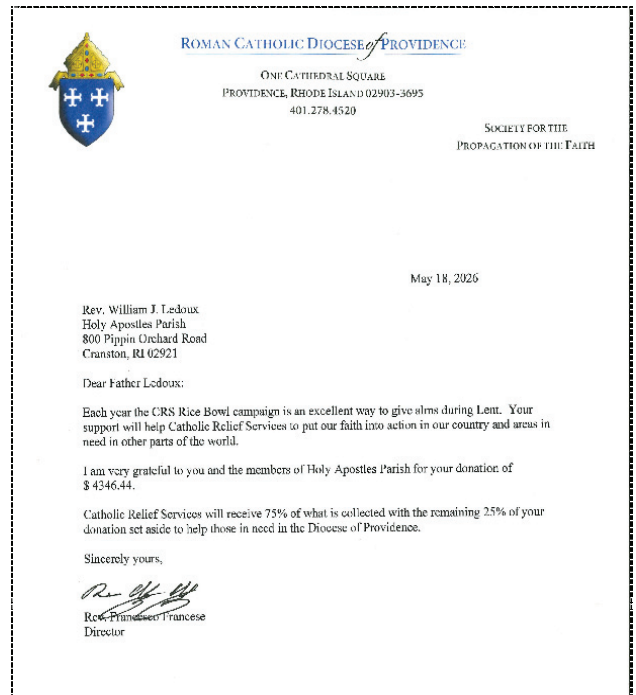
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<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/FD-18>

## Thank You





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](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).

## APOSTLES OF MERCY

*Thank You!*

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

## HOLY APOSTLES THOUSAND CLUB



### Congratulations to our May winners!

\$500	#1092	Raphael Paola
\$150	#1483	Frank & Carolyn Tortis
\$100	#1567	Mara Cole
\$50	#823	Connor Caprio
\$50	#394	Steve Feole
\$25	#570	Susan Choquette
\$25	#2974	Debra Ginolfi
\$25	#200	Joan Frattarelli
\$25	#784	Anthony Moussally
\$25	#3056	Claudette Blais
\$25	#2807	Patricia Millea

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday** Vigil: *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ* **June 6**

5:00 PM **Guy & Pierrette Demers**  
Requested by Son, Peter

**Sunday** *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ* **June 7**

8:30 AM **Allyson Gibree (Anniversary)**  
**Joe & Jennie Luciano (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Family

11:00 AM **Odosco & Amalia Annese (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Family

✠ The **Altar Bread** is offered this week in memory of **Cecile Weeden** requested by Husband, Paul.

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of **Susan Donat** requested by Ronald & Elizabeth Marocco.

**Monday** *Weekday* **June 8**

8:30 AM **Ed Hanley III (Birthday Rem.)**  
Requested by John & Nancy Miley

### Special Intention

**Tuesday** *Weekday* **June 9**

8:30AM **Dan McDevitt & Alan Adalio**  
Requested by The Montecalvo Family

**Wednesday** *Weekday* **June 10**

8:30 AM **The Cece & Lombardi Family**

**Thursday** *St. Barnabas, Apostle* **June 11**

8:30 AM **Michael Valelli (Birthday Rem.)**  
Requested by Family  
**Hal Schreck (Birthday Rem.)**  
Requested by Family

**Friday** *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* **June 12**

8:30AM **Rita Ruggieri (Birthday Rem.)**  
Requested by Daughters  
**Ann Molin- Pradel & Guerino Molin-Pradel**  
Requested by Family

**Saturday** Vigil: *11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* **June 13**

5:00 PM **Elizabeth & Joan Bercen (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Daughter

**Sunday** *11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* **June 14**

8:30 AM **Orlando "Chick" Ciccone**  
Requested by Wife, Rosemarie & Family

11:00 AM **Patricia Jackson (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Bob, Chris & Caitlin

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