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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

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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.holypostles.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.



Dear Friends,

October is designated by the U.S. Bishops as Pro-Life Month. As a Church we are asked to pray for an increase in respect for all human life. Let us all join in praying for life as we offer this *A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life: Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

On October 6th, we celebrate the life of Saint Bruno. This saint has the honor of having founded a religious order which, as the saying goes, has never had to be reformed because it was never deformed. No doubt both the founder and the members would reject such high praise, but it is an indication of the saint's intense love of a penitential life in solitude. Bruno was born in Cologne, Germany, became a famous teacher at Rheims, and was appointed chancellor of the archdiocese at the age of 45. He supported Pope Gregory VII in his fight against the decadence of the clergy and took part in the removal of his own scandalous Archbishop of Reims Manasses de Gournay.

He had a dream of living in solitude and prayer and persuaded a few friends to join him in a hermitage. After a while he felt the place unsuitable and through a friend, was given some land which was to become famous for his foundation "in the Chartreuse"—from which comes the word Carthusians. The climate, desert, mountainous terrain, and inaccessibility guaranteed silence, poverty, and small numbers. Bruno and his friends built an oratory with small individual cells at a distance from each other. They met for Matins and Vespers each day and spent the rest of the time in solitude, eating together only on great feasts. Their chief work was copying manuscripts. Hearing of Bruno's holiness, the pope called for his assistance in Rome. When the pope had to flee Rome, Bruno pulled up stakes again, and after refusing a bishopric, spent his last years in the wilderness of Calabria. Bruno was never formally canonized because the Carthusians were averse to all occasions of publicity. However, Pope Clement X extended his feast to the whole Church in 1674.

On October 7th, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The celebration of this feast goes back 433 years to a sea battle between Christian and Muslim forces that saved Christian Europe from suppression by the Turks. Ever since the fall of Rhodes in 1522 Turkish vessels began raiding Italian ports. In 1570 they demanded the surrender of Cyprus. Don Juan of Austria organized the Christian armies of Europe to resist further Turkish advances. In 1571, the Muslim Turks were again invading Europe. Two hundred and six ships from various parts of Europe met a Turkish force of two-hundred-thirty ships at the Bay of Lepanto, off the western shore of Greece.

Pope Pius V realized the importance of the impending battle for all of Christian Europe. Together with all the people of Rome, he led the people in vigils and processions as they prayed the rosary to Our Lady of Victory. The Rosary became the spiritual weapon of the Christians and thousands joined together in prayer. October 7, 1571 was a day of fierce fighting. Nine thousand Christian soldiers were killed. Dozens of ships were lost. Yet the Turks were turned back, and twelve-thousand Christians were released from slavery. The people were overjoyed. To commemorate the victory Pope Pius V proclaimed a yearly feast in honor of Our Lady of Victory. Later, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast to Our Lady of the Rosary. Today we celebrate the feast on October 7th, the actual date of the victory.

I would encourage all parishioners during the Month of October to pray the rosary privately or as a family.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

Baby Bottle Boomerang

We are participating in a Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign for Rhode Island Right to Life. Please take home a baby bottle the weekend of October 11th, fill it with a donation, and return it the weekend of October 18th to be picked up by Right to Life Services. Donations ARE tax-deductible.

AN EVENING WITH MARY



October is a month set aside to honor our Blessed Mother. We will offer **An Evening with Mary on Monday, October 19th at 6:30pm**. Please join us as we honor Mary, Queen of the Apostles!!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps you have a relative or friend who has inquired about the Catholic faith and possibly has questions about what the requirements are to become a Catholic. Or maybe you know someone who was baptized a Catholic as a child, but never followed through with other sacraments and now, as an adult, is more interested in having faith as a part of their life. An **information meeting will be October 4th at 10am in the community life center.** ***In order to enter the RCIA Program, we must have a copy of your sacramental records.**

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**Holy Apostles
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~Pumpkin Contest!~**

Please join us on Sunday, October 25th
Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

We provide:
Tea light for each carved pumpkin,
refreshments of Apple Cider, Dough Boys,
Pizza Strips, candy for kids in costume,
and more!

You provide: A carved pumpkin. Please drop it off
from 9:30 - 10:30am on Sunday October 25th.

Top 3 winners will receive a gift card!

Name of Family submitting a
pumpkin: _____

**We can't wait to see your creative
carved pumpkin!**

CAL BASKETBALL

26/27 CAL Basketball signup as follows:



Instructional Division - Grades K - 2 (non-competitive division hosted by Holy Apostles)

CAL Competitive Divisions:

Junior Instructional Division - Grades 3 & 4
(Grade 2 is not eligible)

Junior Division - Grades 5 & 6

Grammar Division - Grades 7 & 8

Cadet Division - Grades 9 & 10

All competitive CAL Divisions have separate leagues for boys and girls.

26/27 CAL Basketball game schedule begins on November 14, 2026 - March 31, 2027. Practice days and times to be determined.

Thurs, October 8th - 4:30pm - 5:30pm(Gym)

Sat, October 10th - 10:00am- 11:00am(Gym)

Sun, October, 11th - after the 11:00am Mass(Gym)

If you would like the registration forms emailed to you in advance - send an email to:

Anthony Vescera: hacalbball@gmail.com



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@holyapostles.com

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



All Confirmation candidates are required to visit St. Charles Soup Kitchen. The visits are held on Thursday evenings. Please call the Parish Office to schedule your visit.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



Saint Raphael Academy
Sunday, October 4 @ Noon
Families are cordially invited to Saint Raphael Academy's open house, where they'll have an opportunity to tour the campus and meet with staff, teachers,

coaches, and other parents and students. Saint Raphael Academy (grade 9-12) nurtures students to become their best selves—academically, athletically, and spiritually. Learn more and pre-register for the open house using the accompanying QR code or visit saintrays.org.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF HOPE

Chesterton Academy Fall Open House
Friday, October 23rd ~ 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope High School's mission is to help parents raise up a new generation of joyful leaders and saints. Come visit the school and see the difference!

Tours are every Thursday from 11:15 to 12:45.

Email: Info@chestertonri.org, Call 287-2280

Visit: [610 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI 02886](http://610JeffersonBlvd.com)

STEWARDSHIP



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Please pray for the souls of:



Cecilia E. Arnold
Joseph R. Conn

who passed away and their Funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles. We wish to express our sympathy to their families.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil: 27 th Sunday	October 3
5:00 PM	William Petteruti (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Tom, Dawn, Sophia & Olivia	
Sunday	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	October 4
8:30 AM	Norma Rodi Requested by The Adult Choir	
11:00 AM	Alberto Soriano (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
✚ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Rudolph T. Sheahan requested by Ronald & Elizabeth Marocco. ✚ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Lucille Simas (1st Anniversary) requested by Family.		
Monday	Weekday	October 5
8:30 AM	Anna Machado (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
Tuesday	Weekday	October 6
8:30AM	Mafalda & Pio Turchetta (Rem.) Requested by Ralph, Cathy & Isabella	
Wednesday	Our Lady of the Rosary	October 7
8:30 AM	Cecile Weeden (1st Anniversary) Requested by Husband, Paul	
Thursday	Weekday	October 8
8:30 AM	For the People	
Friday	Weekday	October 9
8:30AM	Special Intention for Beverly Ouellet Requested by Family Special Intention	
Saturday	Vigil: 28 th Sunday	October 10
5:00 PM	Celeste Marocco Requested by Joseph & Roberta Marocco	
Sunday	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	October 11
8:30 AM	William O'Connell (5th Anniversary) Requested by Michael Santilli	
11:00 AM	Kathleen M. Plante (4th Anniversary) Requested by Family	

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 4, 2026

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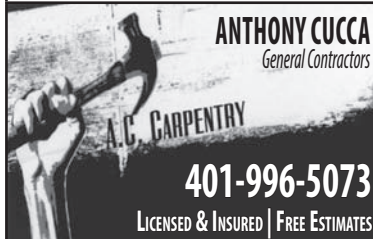
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