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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

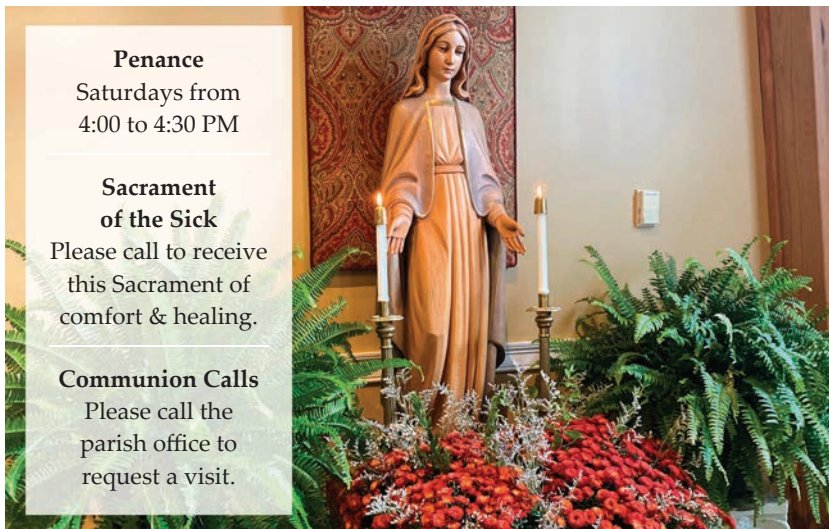
Saturdays from
4:00 to 4:30 PM

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call to receive
this Sacrament of
comfort & healing.

Communion Calls

Please call the
parish office to
request a visit.





Dear Friends,

I'd like to take a moment to express my appreciation for all those who had a part in the liturgies of Holy Week – especially those of the Paschal Triduum and Easter. These services were moving and magnificent, thanks to much preparation behind the scenes and a joyful and prayerful attitude on the part of the members of the parish staff and the various liturgical ministries that served; sang; decorated; cleaned; washed; greeted; ushered and collected during the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. A special thanks to all those who contributed to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of loved ones. My gratitude and prayers for all!

The Second Sunday of Easter was designated by St. John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is on this weekend that we are called to reflect upon the mercy and forgiveness of our God, especially as it relates to Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus' death on the cross was a beautiful reminder of what God has done for us, sending Jesus to die for our sins as the Lamb of Sacrifice so that we could live ever closer to Him in the new life that He won for us in the resurrection. And so, as we continue to celebrate the mystery of Easter, let each of us remember that we, through our baptism, have died to sin, and have risen to a new life in Christ. Easter is the culmination of everything we believe as Christians and the virtue of Easter is hope. Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York says the best definition of hope is this: *"Hope is the virtue that keeps us going when we are tempted to think that Jesus is asleep."* We may be tempted to think the Lord is asleep this Easter given the current crisis and the uncertainty of our future. We might also be tempted to give in to despair and lose hope. Easter calls us to resist such temptations. It celebrates that Christ conquers darkness and despair by his resurrection.

In these days of celebration as we reflect on the power of the Resurrection of Jesus, we always need to ask ourselves what it means for us. In

today's Gospel, St. Thomas doubted the Resurrection of Jesus. He needed proof, physical proof. Touching and seeing would be the only things to convince him. It seems that the sight of Jesus is enough, St. Thomas bows and says, "My Lord and my God" - such great words and a deep profession of faith. One that each believer must, in their own life, come to grips with. When we can truly profess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, then we can believe His message for us. What does He do in today's Gospel? He sends the Disciples out into the world. They are to go with a message proclaiming to all the words of St. Thomas: *"My Lord and My God"*.

The Holy Spirit that Jesus breathed on those frightened disciples huddled in that Upper Room is the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. The Holy Spirit does not give us a power of fear, but one of strength and faith. He is there to help us in our doubts, fears and weaknesses. But that Spirit works in us if we, like St. Thomas, fall before the Lord and proclaim Him as Lord. If we cannot do that right now in certainty of belief, then we need to fall again before Jesus and ask for the gift of deep faith - to ask the Holy Spirit to remove the doubt or need for "proof" to believe. The proof is certainly around us if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Look around and see the hand of God. Faith in Jesus then calls us to share His love with all the world. Easter reminds us that every Good Friday has an Easter Sunday. With Easter the Risen Christ invites us to share the power of His Resurrection. Each time we love others; we share in the Resurrection. Each time we forgive a betrayal; we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can defeat us – not pain, sin, rejection or death – because the Risen Christ conquers all and we too can conquer them if we put our faith and hope in Christ. As He sends the Disciples out...He does the same for us. Do not be afraid, Jesus did for the eleven as He does for us...He offers His peace. *Do Not Be Afraid!*

Fr. Ledoux

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.

Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 12, 2026



Holy Apostles' Goal: \$133,665.00
Amount Collected as of 4/3: \$90,012.66

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



**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.



Starting April 21st, we are selling a maximum of 100 tickets at \$100 each and awarding one **CASH PRIZE** at our Golf Tournament on **Monday, June 1, 2026**. There will be an "Early Bird" drawing of \$500 for all tickets sold and paid for prior to April 30, 2026.

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | |
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| Saturday | <i>Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy</i> | April 11 |
| 5:00 PM | Joyce Rappa Bennett (Anniversary) David Bennett (Anniversary) Requested by Sister, Marie Albanese | |
| Sunday | <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i> | April 12 |
| 8:30 AM | Ernest & Viola Perreault Requested by Family | |
| 11:00 AM | Angelo Laurenza Requested by Family | |
| 2:30 PM | Adam Johnson & Victoria Ricci Wedding | |
| ✠ | The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Filomena Rossi (6 Month Anniversary) requested by Branca & Rossi Family. | |
| ✠ | The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of John Angelone requested by Ronald & Elizabeth Marocco. | |
| Monday | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | April 13 |
| 8:30 AM | For the People | |
| Tuesday | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | April 14 |
| 8:30AM | Debra Lancia (9th Anniversary) Requested by Bob & Deb Favicchio | |
| Wednesday | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | April 15 |
| 8:30 AM | Pat Caparco Requested by Family Louis Cascella (10th Anniversary) Requested by Family | |
| Thursday | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | April 16 |
| 8:30 AM | Raffaella Montecalvo (19th Anniversary) Requested by Family Patrice Tarantino (4th Anniversary) Requested by Barbara Papitto | |
| Friday | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | April 17 |
| 8:30AM | Easter Flower Intentions | |
| Saturday | <i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter</i> | April 18 |
| 5:00 PM | Flora DiMascio (4th Anniversary) Requested by Family | |
| Sunday | <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> | April 19 |
| 8:30 AM | Rita & Roland Tetreault Requested by Family | |
| 11:00 AM | Judith Vartanian (Anniversary) Requested by Family | |

Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 12, 2026

Holy Apostles Second Annual
May Breakfast



SUNDAY, MAY 3rd

9am to 10:30am
Parish Center

A Hearty Homemade Breakfast:



eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries, pancakes,
muffins, bagels, toast, Dunkin Donuts,
fruit salad, coffee & juice

Adults: \$15. Children: \$5. Family Max: \$30.

Tickets are **LIMITED** and available after Masses the
weekends of 4/19 & 4/26 or in the parish office.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Middle School and Confirmation Classes:

June 22 to June 25, 2026

Vacation Bible Camp:

July 13 – July 17, 2026

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL
TUITION ASSISTANCE**

The underlying premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need. In order to ensure objectivity, the Diocesan Catholic School Office's policy requires that parents complete a financial aid application form that may be obtained from the Catholic school the child attends or plans to attend next year. In addition, a letter requesting consideration for assistance must be submitted to Fr. Ledoux as soon as possible but no later than the end of April.



**THE MEN OF
ST. JOSEPH**

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, April 22nd at 8:00am.** For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: 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.

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Thank You!

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

Holy Apostles Church

Seventh Annual Golf Tournament



Monday, June 1, 2026

Alpine Country Club

**Registration and grill lunch @ 11:30am/1:00pm Shotgun Start
Awards, Raffles & Dinner following Golf**

Please complete and return this form with payment to: Holy Apostles Church, 800 Pippin Orchard Rd, Cranston RI 02921 Attention: Michael Santilli **Registration deadline: May 17, 2026**

Player Registration Form - \$200 Per Player/\$800. Per Foursome

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Also playing with:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

***Dinner Guest Only Option – 6pm Arrival**

#Dinner Guest(s): _____ \$50 PP Amount: \$ _____

Tee Sponsor Form - \$150.00

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