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HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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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.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This Monday, September 14th we celebrate the ***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***. Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim. The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

On Tuesday September 15, the day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Church honors the suffering (or "sorrows") of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation. This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. Granted, some writings would place its roots in the eleventh century, especially among the Benedictine monks. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread throughout the Church.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the Seven Dolours was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the cross with her dying Son: the Gospel of St. John recorded, Seeing His mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His mother, 'Woman, there is your son.' In turn He said to the disciple, 'There is your mother.' (John 19:26-27). Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: *Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust. Amen.*

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 13, 2026

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PARISH ASSEMBLY

Invitation for All Parishioners from Bishop Lewandowski

Bishop Lewandowski has called for every parish throughout the Diocese of Providence to hold an assembly this fall. Assemblies provide an opportunity for the clergy and parishioners to gather for prayer and guided discussion with the purpose of setting pastoral priorities. They are not intended to change the liturgy, dogmas, or doctrines of the Church. Rather, the purpose of the assembly is to:

- Listen together for how the Holy Spirit is calling us to live the Church's mission more faithfully in our time and place
- Identify pastoral needs
- Discern next steps for ministry, evangelization, and renewal
- Strengthen shared responsibility for the mission of our parishes and our diocese

Our parish assembly will be held **in the Parish Center on Sunday, September 20th from 9:30am to 10:30am.** The Bishop hopes parishioners will come and provide thoughtful input.

To help us plan for a smooth and successful assembly, registration is highly encouraged. To register:

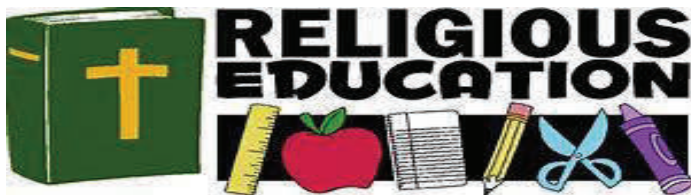
- Send an email to parishoffice@holycopostles.com
- Call the Parish Office
- Fill out the bottom portion of this form and return via the collection basket

Registrations must be received by **September 18th.**

Holy Apostles Parish Assembly Registration

Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____



**Classes begin Monday,
September 28th.**

TEACHER MEETING

There will be a teacher meeting on Monday, September 21st in the parish center:
4:15pm to 5:30pm
This meeting will include pizza.



COME SHARE YOUR VOICE

The **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 7:00pm. **All are invited.** We sing at the 8:30AM Mass and would love to have new members.

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New Teens on a Mission

We are beginning the process of planning our "Mission Trip" for interested Confirmed teens (currently in Grades 11 & 12) and who attend Mass on a regular basis. So that you can hear details concerning the "Mission Trip", we have scheduled a meeting for **October 4th at 10:00AM** in the **Parish Center**. This meeting is for any interested Confirmed teenager and at least one parent. If you are interested and cannot attend this meeting, please contact Mike Santilli before October 4th. The meeting will provide some important information that you need to know as you consider this challenge.



Congratulations to all 2026 graduates and the following children on their achievement/career path advancement.

- **Harmony Colizza** who graduated from CHSW and will attend College to be a Dental Hygienist.
- **Jackelyn Ranone** who graduated from CHSW and will attend URI.
- **Alyssa Needham** who graduated from CHSW and will attend Roger Williams.
- **Nicole Perrault** who graduated from URI with Pharmacy Degree.
- **Grace Venagro** who graduated from Worcester Polytech with Bio Medical Engineering Degree.
- **Kaleigh Nicole Della Grotta** who completed her nursing school and is a registered nurse.
- **Mia A. Ragosta** who graduated from URI with a Pharmacy Degree and pursuing residency program at URI/Walgreens.
- **Christopher P. Ragosta Jr.** who graduated from URI with a Criminal Justice & Political Science Degree and pursuing attending law school.

Our first Teen Event will be Sunday, September 27th from 5:30-7:00pm. This will be our **FRESHMEN orientation** and **all 9th graders are expected to attend**. All teens, Grades 9-12 are invited for this evening of FUN!



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Mass Intentions

Saturday	<i>Vigil: 24th Sunday</i>	September 12
5:00 PM	Lillian & Sylvester Pezzullo (Anniv.) David Varone (1st Anniversary) Requested by Janice Varone & Family	
Sunday	<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday</i>	September 13
8:30 AM	Lou Deanseris Requested by Adult Choir	
11:00 AM	David Corso Rose & Vincent Zannini Requested by Mary Corso	
✚ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Cheryl L. Idone (1st Anniversary) requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White & Family. ✚ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Ronald Russell II (23rd Anniversary) requested by Mom & Lou.		
Monday	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	September 14
8:30 AM	Andrea Crump (Month's Mind) Requested by Barbara Papitto Janet Goodison Requested by Beverly Ouellet	
Tuesday	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	September 15
8:30AM	Alice St. John (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family Tina McKendall Requested by Beverly Ouellet	
Wednesday	<i>Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	September 16
8:30 AM	Marilyn & John Adams Requested by Beverly Ouellet The Cece & Lombardi Family	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i>	September 17
8:30 AM	For the People	
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	September 18
8:30AM	Evelyn & Anthony Russo Fr. Tim Gorton Requested by Beverly Ouellet	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: 25th Sunday</i>	September 19
5:00 PM	Robert Carbone Requested by The Bucci Family	
Sunday	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday</i>	September 20
8:30 AM	Philip B. Taylor Requested by The White Family	
11:00 AM	Deacon Carlo Sabetti Robert Paiva Requested by Family	

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