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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

Very 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.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,

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 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, not even a pandemic – 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!**

*God Bless,
Fr. Ledoux*

Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 16, 2023

Join Us

We are excited to announce, that the **11am Mass, April 30th** will be celebrated by Bishop Richard G. Henning, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Providence. Following the Mass, the Bishop will bless the **"Homeless Jesus Bench"** that has been installed in our courtyard.

The **Homeless Jesus Bench** is created by Timothy Schmalz, a Canadian sculptor. Timothy Schmalz has been sculpting large scale sculptures in bronze with his works installed worldwide. His most reputed pieces are permanently installed in historical locations in Rome and the Vatican. Replicas of the "Homeless Jesus Bench" have been installed in every continent, in cities such as Buenos Aires, Capernaum, New York, Madrid, Melbourne, Rome and Singapore. In 2019, Pope Francis installed his monument migrant sculpture "Angels Unawares" in St. Peter's Square, the first sculpture to be installed in St. Peter's Square for centuries.

A presentation, by Timothy Schmalz will follow the blessing in the Parish Center and a reception will be held in the Gymnasium.

ITALIAN NIGHT



SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd

6:00PM

PARISH CENTER

\$20. Adults/ \$15. Children 12 & under

Tickets may be purchased on:
April 15/16 or at the parish office.
This benefits our Teen Mission Program.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Forms are in this bulletin, on our website or in the parish office.



We are selling a maximum of 100 tickets at \$100 each and awarding one **CASH PRIZE** at our Golf Tournament on **Monday, June 5, 2023**. There will be an **"Early Bird"** drawing of \$500 for all tickets sold and paid for prior to April 28, 2023. Please contact the parish office to reserve your number.



Holy Apostles' Goal: \$127,300.00

Amount Collected as of 4/3: \$72,083.00



ONLINE GIVING

This secure program works directly with your bank or credit card. You can enroll in Faith Direct or make changes to your account dates or contributions online at www.faithdirect.net or call 1-866-507-8757. Holy Apostles parish code is RI18.

Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 16, 2023

Please pray for those serving our country



- SMSgt Kevin Sarli, RI Air National Guard
- SSGT Joshua Anderson, US Marine
- 2nd Lt. Jacob Anderson, US Marine
- TSGT Robert M. Braga, US Air Force
- HM3 Yosman Rodriguez, US Navy
- Senior Airman Benjamin Fredette, US Air Force
- PO2 Matthew Fyrer, US Coast Guard
- AS3 Grace Noonan, US Navy
- ETN2 John Andrew Loiselle, US Navy
- Capt. Benjamin M. Adamo, RI Air National Guard
- 2nd Lt. Trevor Kenahan, US Marine Corp.
- Capt. Dylan T. Farley, US Army
- A1C Michael J. Cuddemi, US Air Force
- SSG 1st 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
- 2nd Lt. James Vartanian, RI Army National Guard
- 2nd Lt. Christopher Vartanian, RI Army Nat. Guard
- 2nd Lt. Andrew Smedberg, RI Army National Guard
- Cadet Matthew Vartanian, URI ROTC, RI Army Nat. Guard
- Sgt. Joseph Cofone, US Army
- SPC Daniel Cofone, US Army
- PFC Luke Rossi, US Army
- Lt. Col. Thomas W. Manera, Jr., RI Army National Guard
- PFC Jase Deanseris, RI Army National Guard
- 1st Lt. Andrew Cooney, US Army

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.

VNA of Care New England Grief and Bereavement Support Group

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2023

This group is designed to support individuals and families who have lost a loved one. This series runs from 2:00pm to 3:30pm in the Community Life Center here at Holy Apostles.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	April 15
5:00 PM	<u>Raymond Pellegrino</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	April 16
8:30 AM	<u>Ernest & Viola Perrault</u> (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Louis & Maria Colavecchio</u> Requested by Mary Corso	
Monday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 17
8:30 AM	<u>Patrice Tarantino</u> (1st Anniversary) Requested by Barbara Papitto	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 18
8:30AM	<u>Dorothy Carbone</u> Requested by Tricia & Nick DeCristofaro	
Wednesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 19
8:30 AM	<u>Anthony & Sue Catallozzi</u> Requested by Family	
Thursday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 20
8:30 AM	<u>Mass for the People</u>	
Friday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	April 21
8:30AM	<u>Anthony Gallo Sr.</u> (1st Anniversary) Requested by Mary & John Narvell	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter</i>	April 22
5:00 PM	<u>Anthony Frattarelli</u> (1st Anniversary) Requested by Ed, Diane, Eddie & Alyssa	
Sunday	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	April 23
8:30 AM	<u>Angelina Passarella</u> <u>Nicola Moscarelli</u> Requested by Children & Grandchildren	
11:00 AM	<u>Flora DiMascio</u> (1st Anniversary) Requested by Family	



The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month beginning with the Rosary in the chapel followed by fellowship, Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the website at: www.rimosj.org.

Next meeting: April 19th @ 7pm

Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 16, 2023

Holy Apostles Church

Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



Monday, June 5, 2023

Alpine Country Club

**Registration and grill lunch @ 11:30am/1pm 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 22, 2023

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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