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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,

After a very quick and busy Summer here at Holy Apostles we are beginning a new year of Religious Education classes and many other activities here on the Campus of Holy Apostles Parish. I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful and faith-filled programs and activities that took place here during the summer. The VBS was truly outstanding and enjoyed by all the participants. Our weeks of Religious Education for our various classes were well attended and the sharing of the knowledge of our faith was well received by all. Our Teen retreat was a tremendous showing of a faith community that is truly being enriched by the young members of Holy Apostles Parish. On August 20th we celebrated 25 years of our Teen Ministry here at Holy Apostles. Our celebration began with a "Teen Mass" at 5:00pm with Monsignor Sheahan as the principal celebrant; Monsignor Theroux, Fr. Forcier and I concelebrated the Mass. I was the homilist for the Mass. The music was provided by our Teen Choir, under the direction of Mark Colozzi. It was an outstanding celebration in honor of the teen program for the past 25 years, including the 13 missionary groups. The tented reception on the front lawn of Holy Apostles Church was a wonderful way for over 500 of the faithful to share stories about how Apostles Parish has made a true difference in their faith journey. My thanks to all the volunteers that made that Sunday so special.

This Friday, September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels. The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

St. Michael

The name of the archangel Michael means, in Hebrew, *who is like unto God?* and he is also known as "the prince of the heavenly host." He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combating Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment.

St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel's name means "God is my strength". Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachary when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation. The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, *Hail Mary, full of grace*, has become the constant and familiar prayer of all Christian people.

St. Raphael

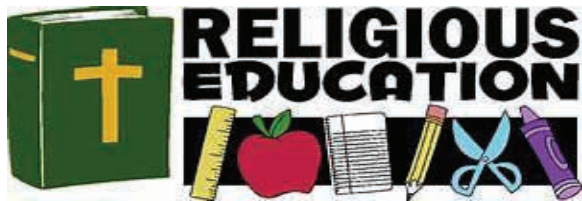
Our knowledge of the Archangel Raphael comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed".

"God our Father, in a wonderful way you guide the work of angels and men. May those who serve you constantly in heaven keep our lives safe from all harm on earth. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen." Opening Collect for the Feast of the Archangels

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ September 24, 2023



REMINDER

Classes have begun for all children in Grades 1 – 5. If you have not registered, please contact the parish office to do so.



Our first scheduled event for **Grades 6 to 12** will be the Kick-Off the Year Event starting with Mass this Sunday, **September 24th at 5:00pm**, then Ice Cream Social and Service Project to follow.

**This is a mandatory event for Middle School and Confirmation students.*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA program is for adults 18 yrs. and older who would like to become a Catholic or need to receive a Sacrament. If you missed the informational night, please reach out to the Deacon before October 1st.

Blessing of the Animals



Deacon Greg will do the Blessing of Animals on **Saturday, October 7th at 12 noon** in the lower parking lot.

CAL Basketball Registration

2023-2024 HOLY APOSTLES BASKETBALL CATHOLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE (CAL)

Boys & Girls Grades/Divisions:

Instructional K thru 2nd

3rd & 4th Grades

5th & 6th Grades

7th & 8th Grades

9th & 10th Grades

INSTRUCTIONAL - SATURDAY MORNINGS AT HOLY APOSTLES
NOVEMBER 2023 thru FEBRUARY 2024
COST IS \$100.00 Per Player

COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS - PRACTICE SEPTEMBER thru NOVEMBER 2023
SEASON DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024
COST IS \$125.00 Per Player

THERE IS A TEAM AND A DIVISION TO ACCOMMODATE ALL SKILL LEVELS
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OUR TEAMS WILL PLAY IN CAL GAMES, CAL TOURNAMENTS AND
LOCAL TOURNAMENTS FOR THEIR SKILL LEVEL

Registrations are:

Tuesday 9/29/23 and Thursday 9/21/23

Monday 9/25/23 & Thursday 9/28/23

Time 5:30pm - 7:00pm on all days.

Check the weekly Parish Bulletin for additional information
Additional Dates TBD

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL
ANTHONY VESCERA @ 580-0747 OR EMAIL AT HACALBBALL@GMAIL.COM,
OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 946-5586

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Faith Sharing Group

Join fellow parishioners from the comfort of your home and get a spiritual boost in our online Faith Sharing Group on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:00pm. During this hour we read and reflect together upon one of the weekly Scripture passages and spend some time in prayer and fellowship. We meet using Zoom. Log in at: <https://t.ly/GGsSd>
Contact Arthur Urbano at aurbano@providence.edu with questions or for more information. All are welcome!



Holy Apostles Wedding Anniversary Mass

will be Sunday, November 12th at 8:30am Mass. Couples celebrating their: **5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th 45th, 50th** and greater in **2023** are invited to give us their names. During the Mass, renewal of vows and a special blessing will be offered. Please fill out the registration form below.

2023 Wedding Anniversary Response

Names: _____

We are celebrating our _____ Anniversary



We are in need of additional voices to further enrich our parish choir! High school age and above are welcome! Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7pm - 8:30pm. The choir sings at 8:30am Sunday Mass, Christmas Concert and all the special liturgies! Call Cookie at 401- 323-6679 or email divarodi@hotmail.com.

"He who sings prays twice!"

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.**



FAITH DIRECT - ONLINE GIVING

This secure program works directly with your bank or credit card. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account or charging your credit card for the amount to which you have agreed in writing. **Holy Apostles is offering two debit dates~ the 4th or 15th of the month or both!** 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.



FOOD COLLECTION

We are collecting food for the needy in the boxes at the entrances of the Church. We can only accept non-perishables.
Thank you for your assistance with this.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Apostles of Mercy will be collecting Christmas cards for the ACI Prison Ministry throughout the month of October.

Please omit cards that contain glitter, plastic ornaments or anything added to the paper.



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WINTER COAT DRIVE



Lightly USED & NEW

THE WEEKEND OF October 28/29,
we will conduct a **Winter Coat Drive.**
Items donated will be given to families at St.
Charles Soup Kitchen and McAuley House.



Saturday	<i>Vigil: 25th Sunday</i>	September 23
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5:00 PM	<u>Imperia & Albert Rapa</u> Requested by Marie Albanese
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Sunday	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	September 24
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8:30 AM	<u>Anthony J. Ruscetta</u> (Anniversary) Requested by Anthony & Donna
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11:00 AM	<u>Antony Frattarelli Jr.</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Wife & Children
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+The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of
Claire Bessett (2nd Anniversary) requested by Family.

+The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of
David Corso (Birthday Rem.) requested by Wife,
Mary.

Monday	<i>Weekday</i>	September 25
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8:30 AM	<u>Edward Bondarevskis</u> Requested by Family
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Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i>	September 26
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8:30 AM	<u>Margaret Sullivan</u> (1 st Anniversary) Requested by John & Mary Scanlon
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Wednesday	<i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	September 27
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8:30 AM	<u>James Keegan</u> (30 th Anniversary) Requested by Mimi & Arthur
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Thursday	<i>Weekday</i>	September 28
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8:30 AM	<u>James Egan</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family
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Friday	<i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	September 29
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8:30AM	<u>For the People</u>
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Saturday	<i>Vigil: 25th Sunday</i>	September 30
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2:00 PM	<u>Patrick Korianski & Jacqueline Chrones</u> <u>Wedding</u>
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5:00 PM	<u>The Cece & Lombardi Family</u>
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Sunday	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	October 1
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8:30 AM	<u>Gerry Peters</u> (1 st Anniversary) Requested by Joe & Ann Simeone
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11:00 AM	<u>Charles Stepinski</u> (8 th Anniversary) <u>Doris Stepinski</u> (13 th Anniversary) Requested by Daughter, Susan Choquette
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