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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.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This weekend we gather to begin the season of Advent. Advent is a four-week period of patient and joyful anticipation of Christ's coming and it calls us to prepare the way with hopeful expectation of Christ's return. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year for the church. At the beginning of the New Year in January, many of us make New Year's resolutions, for example: we are going to lose weight, give more to charity, and spend more time with family. Perhaps we should consider making Advent resolutions, as so many of us view the holidays as a stressful time. We have a laundry list of things that we feel must get done in order that everyone enjoys the holidays: prepare the presents; get the house ready for family to visit, etc. The church, however, is calling us to prepare and get ready for only one person, the Christ Child.

Pope Francis stated: "Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. This perspective, he continued, is also an invitation to "sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world" but rather to keep them in their proper place. If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to be overpowered by a concern for material things, we will not be able to perceive what is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord. And so, the Pope said, Advent is "an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart." During Advent, Pope Francis concluded, "we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this, we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don't imagine." 11/27/16 Saint Peter's Square

As you prepare your homes for Christmas, I invite you to lead your family in the following prayer as you ask God's blessing upon your Christmas Tree.

Blessing for Christmas Tree

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



December 8, 2023
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated on Friday,
December 8th at 8:30am and 6:00pm

Annual Giving Tree to Benefit St. Charles Parish



Our Giving Christmas Tree gifts for St. Charles are due back **by December 10th**. We ask that you attach the tag from the tree to the gift card you purchased. We will deliver them to St. Charles in enough time so these families can purchase gifts for their children prior to Christmas.

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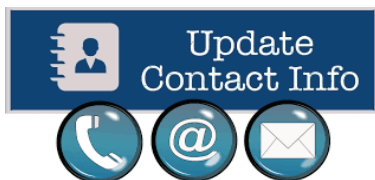


ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Christmas concert, which will feature our combined choirs, is Tuesday, December 12th, at 7:30 pm.

Doors will open at 7:00pm.

Please join us for a wonderful evening!



Please notify the Parish Office of *any* name, address, telephone changes, etc.

Holy Apostles
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\$10,000 in Prizes
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Early Bird Drawing!



This could be a great Christmas gift.

- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 1 @ \$500, 1 @ \$150, 1 @ \$100, 2 @ \$50, and 6 @ \$25
- This makes 11 chances to win each month and a total of 110 chances to win for the duration of the club!
- Each ticket costs \$60.
- **The \$300.00 Early Bird Drawing will be January 3, 2024 for all those paid in full by January 1st.**



TEEN ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

All teens participating in the Adopt-A-Family project are reminded to meet in the Parish Center at 12 noon on **Sunday, December 10th**. The project includes going shopping at Walmart, wrapping gifts, and sharing a Christmas lunch donated by Uncle Tony's. The project concludes by 2:30 pm.
Blessings to all involved!

NEW JUNIOR & SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS



Boys and Girls in grade 4 -12 are eligible to become altar servers and assist at weekend Mass and on special occasions. Altar serving is also a wonderful way to get closer to Jesus. Training will take place soon. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

NEW ALTAR SERVER SIGN UP FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

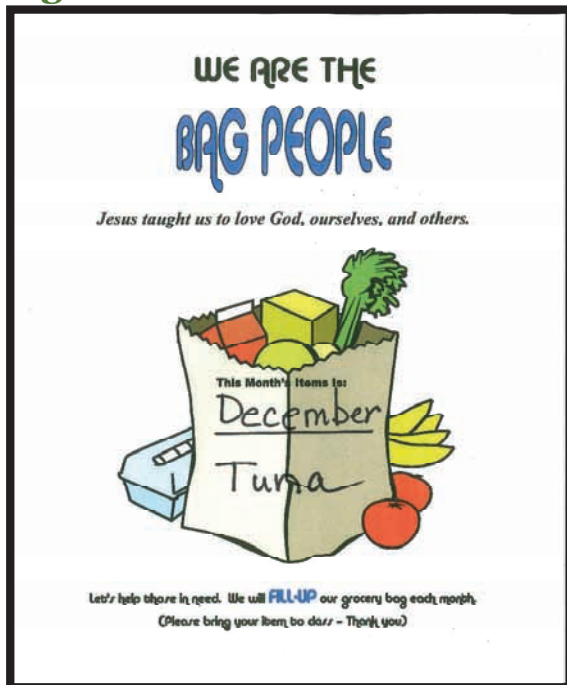
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Religious Education Students



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 Saturday, December 9th at 8:00AM.** Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the R.I. Men of St. Joseph website at: www.rimosj.org.



Our Cry Room is the Gathering Area.

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.



Prayer Network

For Special Intentions of a serious nature, please call the parish.

Private Prayer:

The Church is open during the week for visits and private prayer. Quiet time with the Lord is time that will be graced and blessed by God. Please enter by the Community Life Center.

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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
- SPC4 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
- EMN2 Austin J. Collins, US Navy
- Capt. Joseph Palazini, 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.

Our Annual Christmas Flowers and Decorations donation envelope is included with your budget envelopes. Your donation is to help offset our Christmas Flowers and Decoration expenses. It may be made in the name of a deceased loved one or in your own name. A special Memorial Mass for the intentions will be said on **Monday, January 29th at 8:30 AM.**



Saturday	Vigil: 1 st Sunday of Advent	December 2
5:00 PM	<u>Trisha Viveiros</u> Requested by Joe & Roberta Marocco	
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent	December 3
8:30 AM	<u>Melissa Saccoccio (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Stephen Spaziano (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Wife & Daughters	
<p>✚The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory John Crispino (24th Anniv.) Natalie Crispino (8th Anniv.) requested by Loving Children.</p> <p>✚The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Barbara Venticinque (Birthday Rem.) requested by Family.</p>		
Monday	Advent Weekday	December 4
8:30 AM	<u>Silvana DiMaio (1st Anniversary)</u> Requested by DiMaio Family	
Tuesday	Advent Weekday	December 5
8:30 AM	<u>Special Intention</u>	
Wednesday	Advent Weekday	December 6
8:30 AM	<u>Noah Eisa (4th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
Thursday	St. Ambrose, Bishop	December 7
8:30 AM	<u>John & Natalie Crispino</u> Requested by Loving Children	
Friday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	December 8
8:30AM	<u>For the People</u>	
6:00PM	<u>For the People</u>	
Saturday	Vigil: 2 nd Sunday of Advent	December 9
5:00 PM	<u>William & Stella Rekrut</u> <u>Bill Rekrut</u> Requested by Family	
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent	December 10
8:30 AM	<u>Helen & Walter Legenza</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Arshag Mooradian (Anniversary)</u> <u>Judith Mooradian (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	

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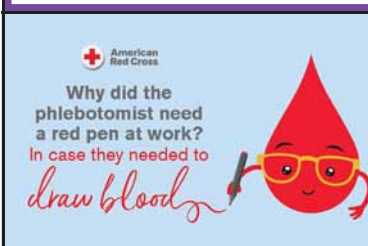
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