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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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### Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

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### Monsignor Richard D. Sheahan

Pastor Emeritus

### Monsignor Paul D. Theroux

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### Deacon Gregory P. Albanese

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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](http://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.






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*Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,*

*On that first Christmas, a song of peace filled the skies over Bethlehem. As we relive that first Christmas through the sacred liturgy and in festive celebrations, we pray that each of you may likewise be filled with the gift of peace which the Infant Savior desires to give to us on His birthday.*

*On behalf of our Parish Staff, we extend to you best wishes for a Holy Christmas. We warmly welcome all who have come to celebrate this glorious Feast. We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest! We welcome our students' home from college for a good winter's rest! We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us this week as old friends and guests!*

*We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic Faith; and hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again!*

*We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all that you do! We welcome those that are joining by way of live streaming! Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all, one People of God—redeemed by the Light. May we*

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*walk by the Light and live by the Light together in Love.*

*May the Prince of Peace fill you with joy this Christmas and make you heralds of His Gospel of Peace throughout the New Year. Such is our prayer for each of you in the Holy Masses that we shall offer on Christmas!*

*Christmas Blessings!*

*Fr. Ledoux; Msgr. Sheahan; Msgr. Theroux; Msgr. Kenney; Deacon Albanese; and  
The Staff of Holy Apostles Parish*

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The Parish Office will be closed on December 26<sup>th</sup> and there will be no morning Mass.

### **FLOWERS & DECORATIONS**

Our Annual Christmas Flowers and Decorations donation envelope is included with your budget envelopes. Your donations are appreciated to offset our Christmas Flowers and Decoration expenses. A special memorial Mass for the intentions of those deceased in whose name donations were made will be said on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.



*Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 24, 2023*



Please pray for those serving our country



- SMSgt Kevin Sarli, RI Air National Guard
- SSGT Joshua Anderson, US Marine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trevor Kenahan, US Marine Corp.
- Capt. Dylan T. Farley, US Army
- A1C Michael J. Cuddemi, US Air Force
- SSG 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. James Vartanian, RI Army National Guard
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Andrew Smedberg, RI Army National Guard
- Cadet Matthew Vartanian, URI ROTC, RI Army Nat. Guard
- SPC4 Luke Rossi, US Army
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- 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).



## NEW YEAR'S DAY – FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

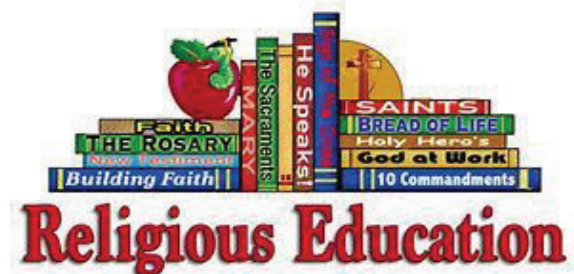
Mass will be celebrated  
New Year's Day at  
10:00AM



## INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Our policy for weekday Mass is if school is cancelled or delayed in Cranston due to snow or ice, there will be no morning Mass. If there is an intention for the Mass, it will be rescheduled.

Regarding the cancellation of religious education, our policy remains the same. We adhere to the decision of the Cranston School Department. However, if snow begins later in the day, we make every effort to contact teachers and schools with a cancellation notice. Also, the cancellation will be posted on the local TV websites as well as our own parish website.



Classes will resume the week of  
January 22/23 for all Grades.

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## Holy Apostles Thousand Club

**\$10,000 in Prizes**  
**with an extra \$300.00**  
**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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome*

We wish to welcome the following new members of our parish. They are:

- ❖ William & Kimberly Gyra
- ❖ Kelsey Calabro
- ❖ Eleanor Kelley
- ❖ Nancy Ruzzo
- ❖ Cruz Family: John, Graciphy, Jacoby, Grayson & Jaycee
- ❖ Millard Family: Nicholas, Erika, Halleigh, Hunter, Logan & Gavin
- ❖ Fioravanti Family: Ashley & Briella
- ❖ Matthew Goddard
- ❖ Grace Marcotte
- ❖ Donna Isabella

## 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.**



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 1-866-507-8757. Holy Apostles parish code is RI18.

## WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED



We wish to welcome the following infants who, through the Sacrament of Baptism, were recently received into the Community of Faith here at Holy Apostles.

<b>Maeve Josephine Howell</b>	Daughter of: Nicholas & Rebecca
<b>Jude Hawk Connell</b>	Son of: James & Carisa
<b>Angelo Francesco Didone</b>	Son of: Michael & Nicole
<b>Mila Valentina Lemme</b>	Daughter of: Nicholas & Marina
<b>Jenelle Anne Boudreaux</b>	Daughter of: Mark & Shelby
<b>Reis Anthony Paiva</b>	Son of: Devin & Kaitlin

We pray that the flame of faith burns brightly in their minds and hearts all the days of their lives.



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, January 6th at 8:00am.** Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: [www.rimosj.org](http://www.rimosj.org).

Please pray for the souls of:



**Michael C. Tanzi  
Emelio DeFazio Jr.**

who passed away and their funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles. We wish to express our sympathy to their families.



✠ The **Altar Bread for Christmas** is offered this week in memory of **Sr. Deanna Sabetta, CND (Month's Mind)** requested by Linda & Bob Newman.

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle for Christmas** is offered this week in memory of **Ronald A. Russell II** requested by Mom & Family.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>December 23</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Trisha Viveiros</b> Requested by Husband	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>December 24</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Luigi &amp; Teresa Parravano (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b>Barbara Inderlin (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Mark & Joanne Colozzi	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Vigil: Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>December 24</b>
4:00 PM	<b>Anacleto &amp; Mary Marocco</b> Requested by Ronald & Elizabeth Marocco	
5:30 PM	<b>Stephanie McGann</b> <b>Louise &amp; Thomas Uciferro</b> Requested by The Bucci Family	
11:00 PM	<b>Trisha Viveiros</b> Requested by Husband, Dan	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>December 25</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Holy Apostles Memorial Society</b>	
11:00 AM	<b>Thomasina Primavera (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Daughter, Lyn	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	<b>December 26</b>
8:30AM	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>	<b>December 27</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Matthew Michael Vieira (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	<b>December 28</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Marion Coppolino (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Ralph, Cathy & Isabella	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Day with Octave of Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>December 29</b>
8:30AM	<b>Thomas Armstrong (36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: Holy Family</i>	<b>December 30</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Louis Perrotta (Birthday Rem.)</b> <b>Angela Petteruti (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Dawn, Tom, Sophia & Olivia Perrotta	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	<b>December 31</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Roger Rousseau (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Wife, Linda	
11:00 AM	<b>William Rocha</b> Requested by The Teen Choir	

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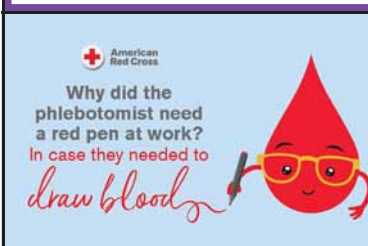
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