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# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

800 PIPPIN ORCHARD ROAD  
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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

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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.







Dear Parishioners.

Today we continue our journey through the Christmas Season. We are not yet finished singing our carols and unpacking the implications of God coming among us as a human being. Today's celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that God comes to save all people.

The word "epiphany" means manifestation. Today we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus as "King of the Jews" who is recognized by "outsiders," the magi from the east. The "insiders," King Herod and the chief priests and scribes, do not recognize Jesus for who He is. In fact, St. Matthew tells us that they, and all Jerusalem, are troubled by the inquiry of the magi.

But for the magi, this is a journey of great joy and anticipation. When the star they have been following brings them to Jesus, they are overjoyed. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians more than sixty years later, describes the source of this joy. The mystery that is revealed "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:5-6).

This is no small thing. The one who was named "King of the Jews," by the magi, and who will later be crucified under that same title, is in fact the king of the Jews, but even more, he is the King of all. This child, whom the magi come to offer homage, is the light for all nations (Isaiah 60:1-6).

During the darkest time of the year for those of us who live in the northern hemisphere, and particularly for those of us who live in the northeast, Jesus is revealed as the light who shines in the darkness. On Christmas Day, St. John reminded us that this "light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:).

This is an important reminder that whatever darkness we may experience - either physical or spiritual, that darkness is no match for the great light of Christ's coming. He does not come to save only a small group of people, but the light of his love and mercy is for all people and all time. Amid an often violent and dark world we need to be reminded that the light of Christ continues to shine. He is the "Word Made Flesh." He is "the Splendor of the Father." He is the "*Light of the world*," and whatever darkness we experience will never overcome this Light.

*May His light shine brightly in our hearts this day and always. And may we share that light, may we be an epiphany, a manifestation of His light to all we meet.*

*Have a good week!*

*Fr. Ledoux*





## Religious Education

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



## ATTENTION CONFIRMATION II STUDENTS

We have received our Confirmation date:

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**2:00PM**

More information to follow.



### 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.

## Attention: Grade 8 to 12 Students

**Winter Olympics on Feb. 4, 2024**

**5:30pm to 7:00PM**



## Holy Apostles Thousand Club Winner!

We had our Early Bird Drawing of \$300.

The winner: Michael W. Pirolli #177

*It's not too late to join. Our first drawing  
will be on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>!*

## Our Seventeenth Annual Holy Apostles Thousand Club \$10,000 in Prizes

- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 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.

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## 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.**

### A Report of the Stewardship of our Treasure:

|                           | Month/year      | Month/year      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                           | December 2022   | December 2023   |
|                           | # Weeks: 4      | # Weeks: 5      |
| # Budget Envelopes        | 884             | 1,195           |
| Budget contributions      | \$32,606.00     | \$33,638.00     |
| Additional loose          | \$1,988.20      | \$2,227.06      |
| Total budget income       | \$34,594.20     | \$35,865.06     |
| # Faith Direct donors     | 395             | 389             |
| # Faith Direct donations  | 1,580           | 1,945           |
| Total Faith Direct income | \$25,026.00     | \$31,588.00     |
| Monthly grand total       | \$59,620.20     | \$67,453.05     |
| YTD:                      | <b>26 Weeks</b> | <b>27 Weeks</b> |
| # Budget envelopes        | 5,201           | 5,745           |
| Budget contributions      | \$160,853.00    | \$168,610.00    |
| Additional loose          | \$8,489.02      | \$10,350.47     |
| # Faith Direct donations  | 8,361           | 10,206          |
| Faith Direct income       | \$157,604.00    | \$163,565.50    |
| YTD grand total           | \$326,946.02    | \$342,525.97    |
| Average Per Week          | \$12,574.84     | \$12,686.14     |

## ONLINE GIVING

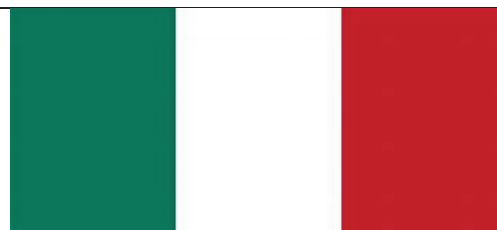
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in writing. **Holy Apostles is offering two debit dates~ the 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month or both!** You can enroll in Faith

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.

## ITALIAN NIGHT



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM**  
\$20. Adults/ \$15. Children 12 & under

Tickets may be purchased after Mass on: January 13/14 and January 20/21 or the parish office beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>.

This benefits our Teen Mission Program.

## APOSTLES OF MERCY

*Thank You!*

*Thanks to all for your ongoing weekly contributions of food items for our needy.*

During the month of January, we will be collecting diapers to share with families from St. Charles.

The weekend of **January 29/30** a basket will be at the entrance of the church to collect monetary donations for diapers.



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 Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm.** 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).

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Please pray for those serving our country



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).



## The 2025 Mass Book will open February 1, 2024.

### Change in Mass Intention booking for 2025:

Because of the decrease in one weekend Mass due to Covid several years ago and the high-volume request for weekend Mass intentions, we are changing the booking policy. Beginning the 2025 Mass book, one family may only book a maximum of **THREE** weekend Masses for the calendar year. This will give other families a greater opportunity to have their intention Masses on the weekend. Further, we are increasing the daily Mass intentions to **TWO** per Mass to allow so many more intention Masses for the year. We hope with these increases, the opportunity to accommodate more families that want special intention Masses on weekends.

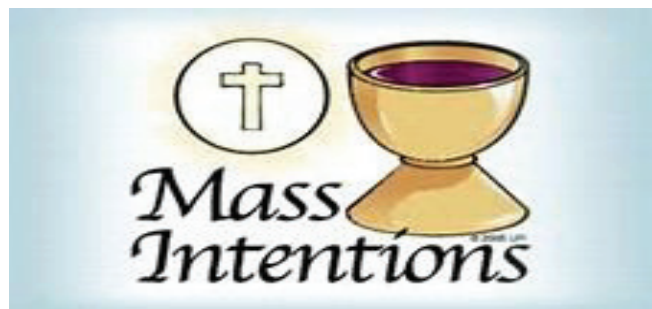
Weekday Masses are \$10

Weekend Masses are \$25

Altar Bread /Sanctuary Lamps are \$20



**Prayer Network:** For Special Intentions of a serious nature, please call the parish.



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| <b>Saturday</b>                                                                                                                           | <i>Vigil: Epiphany</i>                                                                                                                   | <b>January 6</b>  |
| 5:00 PM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Michael A. Scungio (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b><br>Requested by Scungio & Morrissey Family                                       |                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                                                                                                             | <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>                                                                                                          | <b>January 7</b>  |
| 8:30 AM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Ralph Papitto (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b><br>Requested by Wife, Barbara                                                          |                   |
| 11:00 AM                                                                                                                                  | <b>Mia Catherine Hanley (Birthday Rem.)</b><br>Requested by Family                                                                       |                   |
| ✠ The <b>Altar Bread</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Norma Conti (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> requested by The Conti Family. |                                                                                                                                          |                   |
| ✠ The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Richard H. Hurst</b> requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White.            |                                                                                                                                          |                   |
| <b>Monday</b>                                                                                                                             | <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>                                                                                                           | <b>January 8</b>  |
| 8:30 AM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Charlie Economou</b><br>Requested by Barbara & Aldo<br><br><b>Ronald Tutalo (Month's Mind)</b><br>Requested by Beverly & Mark Ouellet |                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                                                                                                                            | <i>Weekday</i>                                                                                                                           | <b>January 9</b>  |
| 8:30AM                                                                                                                                    | <b>Joseph &amp; Angelina Ciccone</b><br>Requested by Daughter-in-Law, Rosemarie & Family                                                 |                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                                                                                                          | <i>Weekday</i>                                                                                                                           | <b>January 10</b> |
| 8:30 AM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Mass for the People</b>                                                                                                               |                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                                                                                                           | <i>Weekday</i>                                                                                                                           | <b>January 11</b> |
| 8:30 AM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Mafalda Turchetta (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b><br>Requested by Ralph, Cathy & Isabella                                           |                   |
| <b>Friday</b>                                                                                                                             | <i>Weekday</i>                                                                                                                           | <b>January 12</b> |
| 8:30AM                                                                                                                                    | <b>Leo F. DiMaio Jr. (Birthday Rem.)</b><br>Requested by Family                                                                          |                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                                                                                                           | <i>Vigil: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                                                                                     | <b>January 13</b> |
| 5:00 PM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Mildred Kelly</b><br><b>Luigi &amp; Emilio Marocco</b><br>Requested by Ronald & Elizabeth Marocco                                     |                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                                                                                                             | <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                                                                                                    | <b>January 14</b> |
| 8:30 AM                                                                                                                                   | <b>Jim Kirch</b><br>Requested by Family                                                                                                  |                   |
| 11:00 AM                                                                                                                                  | <b>Steven McGinn (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</b><br>Requested by Family                                                                 |                   |

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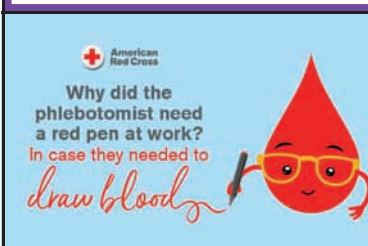
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