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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 Monday, February 5th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Agatha. It is impossible to write a historically reliable account of St. Agatha's life. The "Acts" of her martyrdom are legendary, dating from the sixth century. According to these sources Agatha was a Sicilian virgin of noble extraction. Quintianus, governor of Sicily, became deeply enamored of her; but she rejected his advances. As a result, she was charged with being a Christian and brought before his tribunal. To the question concerning her origin she replied: "I am noble born, of a distinguished family, as all my relatives will attest." When asked why she lived the servile life of a Christian, she answered: "I am a handmaid of Christ, and that is why I bear the outward appearance of a slave; yet this is the highest nobility, to be a slave to Christ."

After being tortured, "Agatha went to prison radiant with joy and with head held high as though invited to a festive banquet. And she commended her agony to the Lord in prayer." The next day, as she again stood before the judge, she declared: "If you do not cause my body to be torn to pieces by the hangmen, my soul cannot enter the Lord's paradise with the martyrs. She was then stretched on the rack, burned with red-hot irons, and despoiled of her breasts.

Returning to prison, she prayed: "You have seen, O Lord, my struggle, how I fought in the place of combat; but because I would not obey the commands of rulers, my breasts were lacerated." In the night there appeared to her a venerable old man, the apostle Peter, with healing remedies. She was miraculously healed by St. Peter: "Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, I give you praise because by Your apostle You have restored my breasts." Throughout the night a light illumined the dungeon. When the guards fled in terror, her fellow prisoners urged her to escape but she refused: "Having received help from the Lord, I will persevere in confessing Him who healed me and comforted me."

Four days later she was again led before the judge. He, of course, was amazed over her cure. Nevertheless, he insisted that she worship the gods, which prompted another confession of faith in Christ. Then by order of the governor,

Agatha was rolled over pieces of sharp glass and burning coals. At that moment the whole city was rocked by a violent earthquake. Two walls collapsed, burying two of the governor's friends in the debris. Fearing a popular uprising, he ordered Agatha, half dead, to be returned to prison. Here she offered her dying prayer: "Blessed Agatha stood in the midst of the prison and with outstretched arms prayed to the Lord: O Lord Jesus Christ, good Master, I give You thanks that You granted me victory over the executioners' tortures. Grant now that I may happily dwell in Your never-ending glory." Thereupon she died. Her grave is venerated at Catania in Sicily.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

2025 Mass Book

Mass Intentions, Altar Breads and Sanctuary Lamps for 2025

Change in Mass Intention booking:

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



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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 4, 2024

Attention: Grade 8 to 12 Students

Winter Olympics on Feb. 4, 2024

5:30pm to 7:00PM

**Mandatory for Grades 8, 9 & 10*



CABARET 2024



Teens On A Mission is hosting Cabaret: The Sounds of Music, March 1st and 2nd, 6:00-8:30pm, here in our Parish Center. The evening consists of served Hors d'oeuvres, wine, a spectacular show under the direction of Mark Colozzi and the teen band, and delicious desserts. Each night is limited to 150 guests due to space. Please buy your tickets early after Mass on 2/10 & 11 and 2/17 & 18 or stop by the parish office beginning 2/5. These evenings also offer a great opportunity for you to meet and get to know our missionaries. All proceeds go to support our missionaries planning to go to Blessed Assurance, Jamaica this June. Thanks for your generosity and prayers.

SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE

FEBRUARY 10th and 11th

AFTER ALL MASSES

**Attention Students in
Grades 1 through 10**

We Need Your Help!!

We need homemade baked goods to sell in a Bake Sale after **All Masses** on Super Bowl Weekend (FEBRUARY 10/11)

Please Drop off items to the parish center on

Saturday, February 10TH

between 3PM and 4PM

All Proceeds go to Holy Apostles Teens on a Mission Project which helps the children at Blessed Assurance Orphanage in Jamaica.

***Please identify if there are
any peanuts or nuts in the baked good.**

Thanks for your help.

We're counting on your donation

PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save The Date

Holy Apostles Church

(401) 946-5586 www.holypastles.com

Golf Tournament

Golf Registration: 11:30AM/Shotgun Start: 1:00PM/Dinner & Raffles: 6:30PM

Monday, June 3, 2024

Alpine Country Club

251 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston, RI 02921



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 4, 2024



Holy Apostles Thousand Club Winners!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our January Winners~

\$500	#981	Lisa St. Pierre
\$150	#1068	Sarah Nottage
\$100	#2852	Susan Choquette
\$50	#3032	Claudette Blais
\$50	#1825	Parker Searles
\$25	#202	Edward Myers
\$25	#1208	Meg Shideler
\$25	#1648	Michelle & John Kershaw
\$25	#885	Theresa Castaldi
\$25	#3005	James Ledoux
\$25	#128	Ann Greenwood

***It's not too late to join.** There are still **9** monthly drawings.

Catholic School (Grades K-8) Tuition Assistance

In order to insure objectivity, the Diocesan Catholic School Office's policy requires that parents complete a financial aid application form that may be obtained from the Catholic school the child attends or plans to attend next year. In addition, a letter requesting consideration for assistance must be submitted to Fr. Ledoux no later than April 30th. **Please mark your envelope with Tuition Assistance.**

-Families requesting assistance must follow church law on fulfilling the "Sunday" obligation to attend Mass. It should also be by way of exception that a family attends Mass in a parish other than Holy Apostles.

-At least one parent must be involved in a parish program/ministry.

-Families must be regular contributors to the parish budget using the **weekly** envelopes or through Faith Direct.

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
	January 2023	January 2024
	# weeks: 5	# weeks: 4
# Budget Envelopes	1,104	833
Budget contributions	\$28,528.00	\$21,740.00
Additional loose	\$1,983.41	\$2,197.06
Total budget income	\$30,511.41	\$23,937.06
# Faith Direct donors	372	369
# Faith Direct donations	1,860	1,476
Total Faith Direct income	\$29,235.50	\$23,985.00
Monthly Grand Total	\$59,746.91	\$47,922.06
YTD:	31 Weeks	31 Weeks
# Budget envelopes	6,305	6,578
Budget contributions	\$189,381.00	\$190,330.00
Additional loose	\$10,472.43	\$11,972.62
# Faith Direct donations	10,185	11,682
Faith Direct income	\$186,839.50	\$187,893.50
YTD Grand total	\$386,692.93	\$390,196.12
Average Per Week	\$12,473.96	\$12,586.97

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.



APOSTLES OF MERCY

Thank You!

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



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, February 21st 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.

Please pray for the souls of:



**Genevieve Vespia
Dwight Annese
Mary Beauchemin
Evelyn Russo**

who passed away and their Funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles.

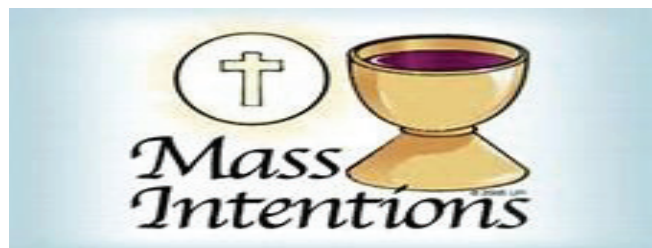
We wish to express our sympathy to their families.



February 14th

Celebration of Mass with
Distribution of Ashes

**8:30am, 12:00noon
And 6:00pm**



Saturday	<i>Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 3
5:00 PM	<u>Mafalda Cascione (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 4
8:30 AM	<u>Ann Fera Marston (1st Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Joseph & Carol Lebeau (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family	
<p>✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Andre Costa (Birthday Rem.) requested by Brother & Family.</p> <p>✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Joseph Capuano Sr. (Anniversary) requested by Family.</p>		
Monday	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	February 5
8:30 AM	<u>Sr. Anne Kelly, FMM</u> Requested by Ed & Eileen Myers <u>James Mezak</u> Requested by Kathy & Tom Rossi	
Tuesday	<i>St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	February 6
8:30AM	<u>Christopher Spagnolo</u> Requested by Meredith & Ed Nowak & Family	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i>	February 7
8:30 AM	<u>Special Intentions for Mikel Gjergji & Family</u> Requested by Mom & Dad	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i>	February 8
8:30 AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	February 9
8:30AM	<u>Virginia Devlin</u> <u>John & Lucille Alsfield</u> Requested by Meredith & Ed Nowak & Family	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 10
5:00 PM	<u>Adolph Marocco (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Joseph & Roberta Marocco	
Sunday	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 11
8:30 AM	<u>Olga V. Ruscetta (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Anthony & Donna	
11:00 AM	<u>Antonio Petrone (Anniversary)</u> Requested by The Farley Family	

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