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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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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,

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

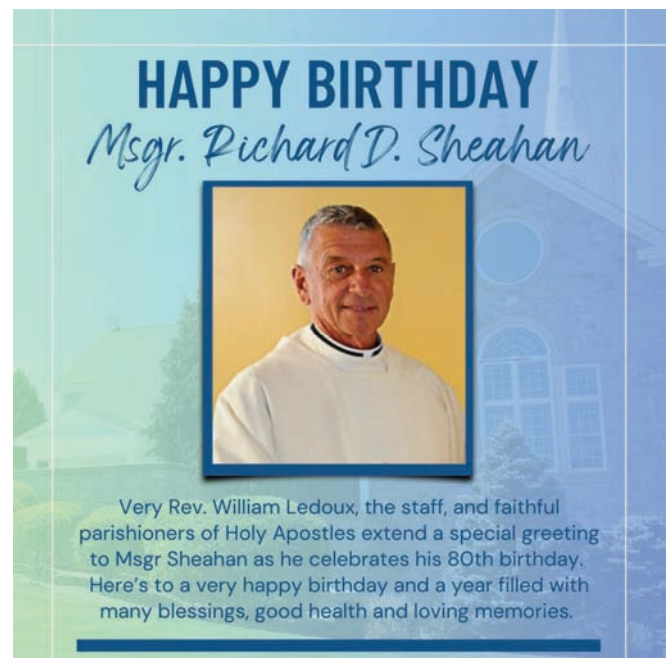
Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Have a good Week!

Fr. Ledoux



- **WEEKDAY MASS** ~ The Eucharist is at the very heart of our Catholic faith. What a wonderful way to journey through Lent. Mass is offered on **Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM.**
- **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** ~ this season of repentance and renewal is a perfect time to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We offer the sacrament **every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:30pm.**
- **PRIVATE PRAYER before the BLESSED SACRAMENT** ~ Quiet time or "desert time" alone in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is another way to get "in touch" with the spiritual side of our lives. The Community Life Center's main entrance is open for morning Mass and remains open until 4:00 pm.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ MONDAYS: March 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30pm** as well as **Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00pm** ~ Traditional Stations of the Cross.

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 3, 2024



Parish Lenten Collection

Sponsored by the Apostles of Mercy

Donations can be put in the boxes at the entrances of the Church.

Homeless kits (travel sized body wash, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, body lotion, wet wipes in a clear gallon size bag.

Family Size Personal Hygiene Products – specifically bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner

Laundry detergent, dish soap & household cleansers

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*Registration forms are on our website or available in the parish office.



The **2024 Diocesan Catholic Charity Appeal** is well underway. I am certain that most of our parishioners have received direct mailings regarding the Appeal from the Bishop's Office. The letter should have included a reply card to send your donation directly to the diocese. Several families have already responded with their contributions, and we are very grateful. All donations, now or later, will be credited toward our parish goal of **\$127,300**. However, it is very important that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this Appeal so that the various agencies of our diocese can continue to assist our fellow-Rhode Islanders in need. Every gift, big or small, is important to our success. If we all contribute, I am certain that our goal is attainable. Won't you help? If you have any questions about the Appeal, please give us a call or send an email. Thanks again.

Fr. Ledoux

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

The underlying premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need. In order to ensure 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 as soon as possible but no later than the end of April.

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HOLY APOSTLES PRESENTS

**EASTER
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
10:00 AM**

- PRE-SCHOOL AGE EASTER EGG HUNT
- GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS
- TRUNK HOP (LIKE A TRUNK OR TREAT BUT MAKE IT EASTER THEMED!)
- DONUTS & COFFEE
- PICTURE WITH EASTER BUNNY
- MUSIC

CONTACT MEG SHIDELER AT
MEG@HOLYAPOSTLES.COM OR 401-946-5586
WITH ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

REGISTER BELOW



Holy Apostles Thousand Club



Congratulations to our February Winners~

\$500	#213	Ted LaColle
\$150	#886	Theresa Castaldi
\$100	#3005	James Ledoux
\$50	#2801	Alesia Payne
\$50	#3281	Msgr. Kenney
\$25	#1351	Ann Marie Simeone
\$25	#3359	Giulia D'Artista
\$25	#1398	Ann Anesta
\$25	#1791	Denise Cabral
\$25	#2000	Mark Bilodeau
\$25	#2158	Betty Ann Donahue

First Communion

There will be a First Communion parent meeting for children receiving their communion in May. The meeting will be immediately following your child's class on either March 4th or March 5th at 5:15pm in the parish center. If you are unable to attend one night, please just come to the other. Questions ~ please contact Meg Shideler 946-5586 ext. 305.



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, March 13th at 7:00pm.** For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: www.rimosj.org.

APOSTLES OF MERCY

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

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

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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
	Feb. 2023	Feb. 2024
	# Weeks: 4	# Weeks: 4
# Budget Envelopes	931	1016
Budget contributions	\$29,042.00	\$28,659.00
Additional loose	\$1,390.42	\$1,965.10
Total budget income	\$30,432.42	\$30,624.10
# Faith Direct donors	380	376
# Faith Direct donations	1,520	1,509
Total Faith Direct income	\$24,936.00	\$24,230.00
Monthly grand total	\$55,368.42	\$54,854.10
YTD:	35 Weeks	35 Weeks
# Budget envelopes	7,236	7,594
Budget contributions	\$218,423.00	\$219,214.00
Additional loose	\$11,862.85	\$13,937.72
# Faith Direct donations	11,705	13,191
Faith Direct income	\$211,775.50	\$212,123.50
YTD grand total	\$442,061.35	\$445,275.22
Average Per Week	\$12,630.32	\$12,772.14

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent</i>	March 2
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5:00 PM **Emilio Delfino (Birthday Rem.)**
Requested by Family

Sunday	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	March 3
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8:30 AM **Joan Gannon (3rd Anniversary)**
Requested by Family

11:00 AM **Giuseppe Mattiello (16th Anniversary)**
Requested by Daughter, Rosemarie & Family

✠ The **Altar Bread** is offered this week in memory of **Elsie & Charles Traficante** requested by Traficante Family.

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of **Carol & Roger Winiarski** (Anniversary) requested by Marie Albanese.

Monday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 4
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8:30 AM **Earl & Elaine Carroll**
Requested by DeCristofaro Family

6:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 5
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8:30AM **Richard Varone (Birthday Rem.)**
Requested by Varone Family

Wednesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 6
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8:30 AM **Mass for the People**

Thursday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 7
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8:30 AM **Phillip**

Gary Grady
Requested by Sister

Friday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 8
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8:30AM **Special Intention for Mikel Gjergji & Family**
Requested by Mom & Dad

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 9
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5:00 PM **Charles & Doris Stepinski (Anniversary)**
Requested by Daughter, Susan Choquette

Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 10
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8:30 AM **James W. Parker III**
Requested by Family

11:00 AM **Robert L. Kenney (5th Anniversary)**
Requested by Family

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