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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:

I wish to express my deep gratitude to all those that made our **CABARET: “The Sounds of Music”** such a success. The two evenings of song and food were outstanding! Thank you for all that attended and all those who contributed in any way to help fund our *Mission Trip* in June to *Blessed Assurance Orphanage* in Jamaica.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

This Lent – and every Lent –we are being challenged to open our eyes to the wider dimensions of what we celebrate and to see life in a new way precisely through the light of faith. May the remainder of a Lent be a time of true renewal for all.

Have good week!

Fr. Ledoux



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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THANK YOU



Teens On A Mission 2024 wishes to thank everyone who had any part in and all those who attended our Cabaret. This event was a huge success, thanks to your generosity. Please continue to pray for us as we make our way to Blessed Assurance in June.



- **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 11 and 18 at 6:30pm** as well as **Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00pm** ~ Traditional Stations of the Cross.

REGISTER NOW

HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH



ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

\$200. Per Player/\$800 Per Foursome

Golf, Awards, Raffles & Dinner

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



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.

Holy Apostles' Goal: \$127,300.00
Amount Collected as of 2/29: \$43,787.00

If you have any questions about the Appeal, please give us a call or send an email. Thanks again.

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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.

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

REGISTER BELOW



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

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



**Sunday, March 17, 2024
2:00pm**

***Rehearsal will be**

Wednesday, March 13th @ 6:30pm

*Confirmation will be livestreamed on our Facebook page.




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.

Annual Rhode Island Catholic Men's Conference
A day of prayer and Reflection for Men
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May 4, 2023
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Providence, RI
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Keynote Speaker
Fr Larry Richards



The day will include:

- Eucharistic Celebration
- Prayer & Worship
- Inspiring talks by Fr. Chris Murphy and Fr Larry Richards
- Round Table Discussions
- 7:30 - 8:30 AM - Registration
- 9:00 Conference begins
- 11:00 AM - Holy Mass with Most Rev. Richard Henning Bishop of Providence

Coffee and pastry will be available in the morning. Lunch will be provided.

Name _____ Cost for the day: \$50.00
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Parish Affiliation _____ Gloucester, RI 02814
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ If registering after April 5th, the cost is \$60.00
Please mail in your registration before April 25, 2023 Online registration available.
Visit www.mosji.org/events
Seminarians, deacons and priests please join us as our guests (donations always welcomed)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 9
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5:00 PM	<u>Charles & Doris Stepinski</u> (Anniversary) Requested by Daughter, Susan Choquette
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Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 10
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8:30 AM	<u>James W. Parker III</u> Requested by Family
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11:00 AM	<u>Robert L. Kenney</u> (5th Anniversary) Requested by Family
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✠ The **Altar Bread** is offered this week in memory of **Emilia Petrone (Birthday Rem.)** requested by Farley Family.

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of **Annamaria Abrams** (2nd Anniversary) requested by Family.

Monday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 11
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8:30 AM	<u>Birthday Special Intention for Brian McInnis</u>
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6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
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Tuesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 12
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8:30AM	<u>David DeCosta</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Montecalvo Family
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Wednesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 13
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8:30 AM	<u>Mass for the People</u>
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Thursday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 14
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8:30 AM	<u>Anna Moreira</u> (Anniversary) <u>Robert P. Sousa</u> (Anniversary) <u>Robert J. Sousa</u> (Anniversary) Requested by Arthur & Mimi Moreira
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Friday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 15
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8:30AM	<u>Special Intention for Carole Brothers</u> Requested by Family
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Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 16
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5:00 PM	<u>Joe Raposo</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Son
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Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 17
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8:30 AM	<u>Michael Pezza Sr.</u> (19th Anniversary) Requested by Family
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11:00 AM	<u>Emilia Petrone</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Farley Family
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WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Baptized
in the name
of the Lord*



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.

Bridget Ava Woodhead	Child of: Sean & Jillian
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Rhett Luke Miner	Child of: James & Holly
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Lane Travis Holbrook	Child of: Travis & Ashleigh
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We pray that the flame of faith burns brightly in their minds and hearts all the days of their lives.

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.**

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

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