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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.





Dear Parishioners:

The season of Lent has been an important time in the life of each of us here at Holy Apostles Parish. It began very dramatically with the reception of ashes, in a sense, marking us as God's people. This weekend we receive palms, which remind us of the people's love for Jesus - a love that turned to hate and indifference, quite rapidly. The special practices of Lent.... added prayer, fasting, almsgiving... remind us that this was no ordinary time. Because Lent is a season with a personality of its own, we tend to think of it as a season, which has its existence just for the sake of itself. However, it is important to remind ourselves that Lent exists only as a preparation for something bigger. That something bigger is the **Easter Triduum**.

The term **Easter Triduum** might not sound familiar to you; however, you are very familiar with it. The Triduum is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us. During this most solemn of weeks, I invite all the members of our Parish Family to join us for the solemn observance of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. These days of Holy Week offer us a rare opportunity to renew our faith in the Lord who died for us. If you have never attended these services before, or if it has been many years since you attended them, this would be a good year to make a special effort to attend. It will be an experience for you and your family to see and participate in the beauty of these days when the Church invites us to share in the fullness of Joy which the Resurrection brings to us. Let us complete Lent as a parish family by renewing our faith together during Holy Week.

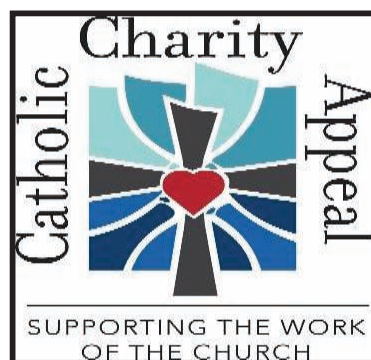
Last year for his homily on Palm Sunday, Pope Francis said: "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" (Mt 27:46). *This is the cry that today's liturgy has us repeat in the responsorial*

psalm (cf. Ps 22:2), the only cry that Jesus makes from the cross in the Gospel we have heard. Those words bring us to the very heart of Christ's passion, the culmination of the sufferings he endured for our salvation. "Why have you forsaken me?"

The sufferings of Jesus were many, and whenever we listen to the account of the Passion, they pierce our hearts. There were sufferings of the body: we think of the slaps and beatings, flogging and the crowning with thorns, and in the end, the cruelty of the crucifixion. There were also sufferings of the soul: the betrayal of Judas, the denials of Peter, the condemnation of the religious and civil authorities, the mockery of the guards, the jeering at the foot of the cross, the rejection of the crowd, utter failure and the flight of the disciples.

Yet, amid all these sorrows, Jesus remained certain of one thing: the closeness of the Father. Now, however, the unthinkable has taken place. Before dying, he cries out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus' abandonment. Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the "forsaken" Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation."
Saint Peter's Rome Apr 2, 2023

God Bless,
Fr. Ledoux



Holy Apostles' Goal: \$127,300.00
Amount Collected as of 3/15: \$93,222.00

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 24, 2024



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Communion & Procession: 7:00PM
Adoration until 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Walkathon: 10:00AM
Stations of the Cross: 3:00PM
Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion:
7:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Vigil and Mass
of the Lord's Resurrection: 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:30AM & 11:00AM



"Operation Rice Bowl" It would be helpful for us if you would take the loose change and convert it into currency or into a check. All of the money received will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

EASTER DECORATIONS



Included in your budget envelopes this year is our annual envelope which helps cover the cost of our Easter flowers and decorations. Donations may be made in the name of a deceased loved one. A special Memorial Mass will be said on **April 22, 2024**.

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Online Faith Sharing Group

Looking for a way to deepen your prayer life this Lent? Join fellow parishioners from the comfort of your home and get a spiritual boost in our online Faith Sharing Group on Wednesday, March 27, 7:00- 8:00pm. During this hour we read and reflect together upon one of the weekly Scripture passages and spend some time in prayer and fellowship. We

meet using Zoom. Log in at:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/HAFaith2024>.

Contact Arthur Urbano at

aurbano@providence.edu for more information. All are welcome!

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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Congratulations to the following young men and women who were confirmed by Bishop Henning on March 17th:

Naima Alves	Kiana Labonte
Madison Asprinio	Jayden Marcello
Kyla Bucu	Melissa Medbery
Ciana Catelli	Sydney Medbery
Harmony Colizza	Steven Palumbo Jr.
Michael D'Ambra	Alicia Phillips
Sophia DiBenedetto	Ashton Rocchio
Emma Dilorio	Sydney Saccucci
Robert Feole	Samantha Sell
Natalia Giardina	Collin Stravato
John Grande	Emily Tullie
Matthew Grande	



Parish Lenten Collection

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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



ATTENTION ALL TEENS and Families:

Our annual **Good Friday Walk** will take place here at Holy Apostles on FRIDAY, March 29th @ 10:00 am. This 5K walk up and back on Pippin Orchard Rd. raises money for poor and disadvantaged children here and at Blessed Assurance, Montego Bay, Jamaica. All teens in Grades 6 through 9 are expected to walk and ALL younger children and families are invited as well. This is a great day to honor Jesus as we commemorate His passion and death. No pre-registrations are necessary, and we should be done by 11:30am.

REGISTER NOW

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

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Middle School and Confirmation Classes:
June 24 to June 28, 2024

Vacation Bible Camp:
July 8 – July 12, 2024



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, April 6th at 8:00am.** For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: www.rimosj.org.

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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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.



Saturday	<i>Vigil: Palm Sunday</i>	March 23
5:00 PM	<u>Kim Markarian</u> Requested by Tony Grelle	
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	March 24
8:30 AM	<u>Jeannette Rossi (18th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Daughter, Debbie & Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Darlene Sczerbinski (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Husband, Peter & Family	
✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Walter & Helen Legenza (Birthday Rem./Anniv.) requested by Family.		
✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Albert Mastrodicasa requested by Sincerny Family.		
Monday	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	March 25
8:30 AM	<u>Ernest Philogene</u> Requested by Friend, Judy	
	<u>Peter Henry (20th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
Tuesday	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	March 26
8:30AM	<u>Francis A. Donahue Jr.</u> Requested by Wife, Betty Ann & Daughter, Holly	
	<u>Rena & Armando Ricci</u> Requested by Family	
Wednesday	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	March 27
8:30 AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Thursday	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	March 28
8:30 AM	<u>No Mass</u>	
7:00 PM	<u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>	
Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>	March 29
8:30AM	<u>No Mass</u>	
3:00 PM	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>	
7:00PM	<u>Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord</u>	
Saturday	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	March 30
7:00 PM	<u>Solemn Vigil and Mass of the Lord's Resurrection</u>	
Sunday	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	March 31
8:30 AM	<u>Holy Apostles Memorial Society</u>	
11:00 AM	<u>Vincent & Theresa Monti (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family	

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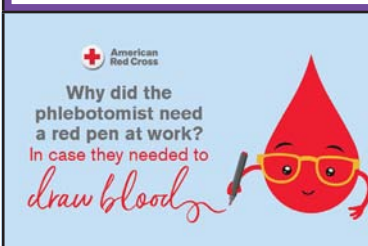
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