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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

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,

It is hard to believe that this Monday is Labor Day. Where has the summer gone? Although Labor Day is not the end of the summer, we often associate the holiday with the conclusion of our summer activities and the return to school and other types of fall activities. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. As we celebrate Labor Day this Monday, let us through the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker ask for guidance and strength for all workers.

On Friday, September 5, we also celebrate the Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests. Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death. During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the

suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.” After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016. Mother Teresa's beatification, just over six years after her death, was part of an expedited process put into effect by Pope John Paul II. Like so many others around the world, he found her love for the Eucharist, for prayer, and for the poor a model for all to emulate.

Please be assured of my prayers for all students and teachers of our parish as they return to their respective schools. May this be a good year for all!

Enjoy the Long Weekend!

*With prayers,
Fr. Ledoux*

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Lord, Our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, forever and ever.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION ~

We are in the process of wrapping up elementary registration for the 2025-26 religious education year at Holy Apostles. I thank everyone who has responded so quickly and strongly encourage those who have not registered to do so as soon as possible.

Classes begin Monday, September 29th and Tuesday, September 30th.

At this time, I would also like to ask you a favor. If you know neighbors, friends and schoolmates who have NOT yet registered, please encourage them to do so. This is called evangelization. Part of being Catholic means that we invite and encourage others to practice their faith, especially at a time where we need religion more than ever.

With prayers,

Mr. Michael Santilli
Director of Religious Education
(mjs@holyapostles.com)



HOLY APOSTLES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WE NEED YOU!!!

We are seeking 3 adults to join our community and help inspire and teach young minds for one hour each week. (End of September to Early April with a large break December - January.)

Please contact Michael Santilli if you are interested in being a teacher for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year.

Michael - mjs@holyapostles.com or 401-946-5586 ext 319.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 31, 2025

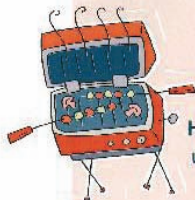
Teen Welcome Barbecue

For all teens (Gr. 9-12) and parents

September 21

5:30pm to 7:00pm

in the gym



Hear about all the exciting events for the upcoming high school year!

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their **25th, 40th, 50th and Over** wedding anniversary in 2025. The celebration will be held **on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 1:00PM** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence and will include Mass, renewal of the marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. will be the main celebrant and homilist. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event by contacting the parish office before **September 10**.



COME SHARE YOUR VOICE

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are on Thursday nights starting September 11th at 7:00pm. **All are invited.** We sing at the 8:30AM Mass and would love to have new members. Thank you for your support.

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.



FAITH DIRECT - 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: 22nd Sunday</i>	August 30
5:00 PM	Pietro Grelle (Anniversary) Requested by Grelle Family	
Sunday	<i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	August 31
8:30 AM	Manny Diamonte (3rd Anniversary) Requested by Wife, Marilyn	
11:00 AM	Alberto Soriano (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
<p>†The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Michael A. Scungio (Birthday Rem.) requested by Scungio & Morrissey Family.</p> <p>†The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Anthony J. Ruscetta (Anniversary) requested by Anthony & Donna.</p>		
Monday	<i>Labor Day - Holiday</i>	Sept. 1
8:30 AM	No Mass	
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i>	Sept. 2
8:30AM	John Peters (47th Anniversary) Requested by Bob & Deb Favicchio Pio Turchetta (6th Anniversary) Requested by Ralph, Cathy & Isabella	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i>	Sept. 3
8:30 AM	For the People	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i>	Sept. 4
8:30 AM	Special Intention for Gjergji Family	
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	Sept. 5
8:30AM	Laurence Birmingham (Anniversary) Requested by Wife, Marie Gary Gearheart (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Wife, Regie	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: 23rd Sunday</i>	Sept. 6
5:00 PM	Raymond J. Brown Sr. (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sept. 7
8:30 AM	Mary & Vincent O'Leary (Anniversary) Requested by John O'Leary & Family	
11:00 AM	Paul Filippone Sr. (3rd Anniversary) Requested by Wife & Family	

MASS SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of the holiday and there will be no morning Mass.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps you have a relative or friend who has inquired about the Catholic faith and possibly has questions about what the requirements are to become a Catholic. Or maybe you know someone who was baptized a Catholic as a child, but never followed through with other sacraments and now, as an adult, is more interested in having faith as a part of their life. **An Inquiry Meeting will be set for fall.**

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