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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

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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

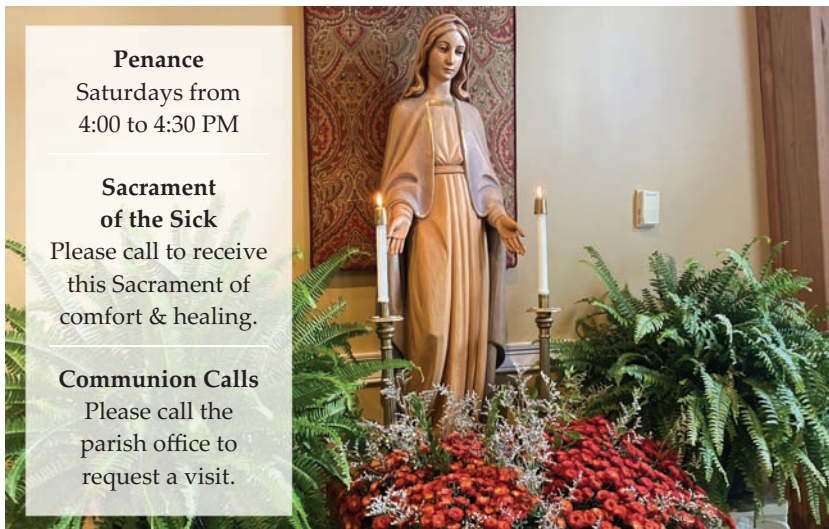
Saturdays from
4:00 to 4:30 PM

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call to receive
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Communion Calls

Please call the
parish office to
request a visit.



Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the ***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***. Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim. The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

On Thursday September 15, the day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Church honors the suffering (or "sorrows") of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation. This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. Granted, some writings would place its roots in the eleventh century, especially among the Benedictine monks. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread throughout the Church.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the Seven Dolors was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the cross with her dying Son: the Gospel of St. John recorded, Seeing His mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His mother, 'Woman, there is your son.' In turn He said to the disciple, 'There is your mother.' (John 19:26-27). Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: *Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of Mary, may we unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust. Amen.*

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross ~ September 14, 2025



All students in Grades 1 to 5 should be registered for religious education classes.

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

TEACHER MEETING

There will be a teacher meeting on Monday, September 22nd in the parish center:

New Teachers: 5pm to 5:30pm

Returning Teachers: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

These meetings will include pizza.

Teen Welcome Barbecue

For all teens Grades 9-12

**September 21
5:30pm to 7:00pm
In the gym**

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



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM (GRADES 1 AND 2) PARENTS MEETING

Sunday, September 21st

10am

Parish Center



New Teens on a Mission

We are beginning the process of planning our "Mission Trip" for interested Confirmed teens (currently in Grades 11 & 12) and who attend Mass on a regular basis. So that you can hear details concerning the "Mission Trip", we have scheduled a meeting for **October 5th at 10:00AM** in the **Parish Center**. This meeting is for any interested Confirmed teenager and at least one parent. If you are interested and cannot attend this meeting, please contact Mike Santilli before October 5th. The meeting will provide some important information that you need to know as you consider this challenge.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult who was never baptized and are feeling called to Baptism within the Roman Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who was baptized into a Christian denomination other than Catholicism and wish to be received into the Roman Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who was baptized within the Roman Catholic Church, but never received your First Communion and/or Confirmation? Would you like to receive these sacraments?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) might be for you. The RCIA is the process by which adults are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and become full members of the Roman Catholic Church after completing a series of spiritual and educational presentations about the Roman Catholic religion.

If you are interested in beginning this process or would like more information, please attend our information meeting on **Sunday, September 28th at 10am** in the Community Life Center.

SAVE THE DATE



SIP AND SAVOR

Saturday, November 1, 2025

6:00pm to 9:30pm

\$50 per person

Wine Tasting, Kraft Beers, Sample apéritifs, Musical entertainment, Hors'oeuvres, Desserts & Cigars

*Adults only

Meet and greet fellow parishioners and join the fun!!!!


Tickets will be sold starting the weekend of October 4/5.



50/50 RAFFLE

We are having a Fall 50/50 Raffle selling 100 tickets at \$100 each. The single winner keeps 50% of the total sales and Holy Apostles keeps the other half.

Tickets will go on sale the weekend of September 20/21 after all Masses or at the parish office starting September 22.



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Senior Priest Retirement Fund

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Kidney Donor Needed

A parishioner’s son, Jeff Zurowski, needs a kidney donor. The best match is by blood type O and age 18-60 yrs. old. For more information, please contact Jeff at 3100travels@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil: Exaltation	September 13
2:00 PM	<u>Kyle Cabral & Angela Pinto Wedding</u>	
5:00 PM	<u>Armando Solitro (4th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Anthony & Martha Solitro	
Sunday	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	September 14
8:30 AM	<u>Ronald Russell II (22nd Anniversary)</u> Requested by Mom & Lou	
11:00 AM	<u>Barkett & Bianco Families</u> Requested by Family	
<div>✚The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Raymond Alexandre Sr. (Birthday Rem.) requested by Family.</div> <div>✚The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Angela Scungio (10th Anniversary) requested by Tom & Angela Salvatore.</div>		
Monday	Our Lady of Sorrows	September 15
8:30 AM	<u>Alice St. John (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family	
Tuesday	St. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	September 16
8:30AM	<u>Open</u>	
Wednesday	Weekday	September 17
8:30 AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Thursday	Weekday	September 18
8:30 AM	<u>Special Intentions for Gjergji Family</u>	
Friday	Weekday	September 19
8:30AM	<u>Jasper & Beverly Paola</u>	
Saturday	Vigil: 25 th Sunday	September 20
2:00 PM	<u>Alexander DiChiaro & Gisele Iafrate Wedding</u>	
5:00 PM	<u>Imperia & Albert Rapa</u> <u>Joyce Bennett</u> Requested by Marie Albanese	
Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 21
8:30 AM	<u>The Cece & Lombardi Family</u>	
11:00 AM	<u>David Corso</u> <u>Rose & Joseph Corso</u> Requested by Mary Corso	

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