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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 Parishioners,

The Prophet Isaiah gives us the theme for reflection today: “In my God is the joy of my soul.” When that is true in our lives, we are walking the road and we know the truth of these words from the same Prophet: “He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.” This great Prophet Isaiah believed with his whole being that God would send salvation and redemption for His people. Each one of us can have that same trust and confidence in God: God loves us and will bring us salvation. God invites us to live according to His laws and His wisdom—let us walk the way of the Lord!

This is the 3rd Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete” Sunday in Latin. It is a Sunday of rejoicing. The entrance song for some centuries was always from the Letter to the Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice! The second reading this Sunday picks up the theme of rejoicing: “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” We need to hear both realities: rejoice and pray! We can only rejoice if we are praying without ceasing. God is not asking the impossible of us. We can walk through a normal day while keeping Him always in our heart. It is not easy, and we shall fail but when we see that God is not in our heart, we can invite Him once more to make us aware of His presence. In that way, we can rejoice and pray all day long.

The Gospel from Saint John today brings us back to Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a central focus of the Gospel last Sunday and once again is here for us to consider. We should note that John the Baptist is not at all concerned about being considered great or important. His one concern is to point to Jesus Christ: the One who is to come, whose sandal strap he is unworthy to untie. Saint John the Baptist is a saint of joy because he points always to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. We also can become people of joy when our lives point to Jesus our Lord. We

don’t have to be perfect, but we do have to keep pointing to the Lord. Just as in the life of John the Baptist, the more we decrease, the more the Lord may increase. It is a challenge for us to live in such a way that we are always witness to the presence of God and God’s love.

For most Christians, a Christmas nativity set is one of the most recognizable symbols during the Christmas season because it represents the birth of Jesus as described in the gospels of Luke and Matthew. Nativity scenes include at a minimum the infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The concept is for the baby Jesus to be in a stable or manger with the Holy Family at this side. A Christmas nativity set can also include other characters from the Biblical story such as the shepherd, the Magi (or Three Kings), and angels.

How did the Christmas Nativity Scene Originate? Saint Francis of Assisi is usually credited with creating the first nativity scene in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. The original Christmas nativity set was cast in a cave with live people and animals cast in the biblical roles. His objective was to place emphasis during Christmas on the worship of Christ rather than on gift giving and materialism.

May I suggest that families use the following prayer as a way of preparing the Christmas manger to welcome the Holy Family.

***Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble
birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and
ever. Amen.***

Have a good week!
Fr. Ledoux

P.S. Please remember the Annual Collection!

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 14, 2025

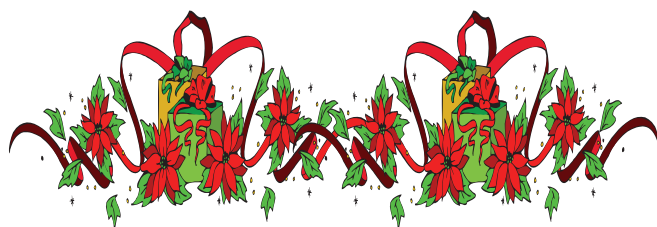


*Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30 pm.
Doors will open at 7:00pm.*

Christmas Pageant 2025



THANKS to all who participated and assisted-
our evening was truly filled with JOY!



Christmas Schedule 2025

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Confessions

Saturday, December 20th
3:30PM to 4:30PM

Masses

Christmas Eve
4:00PM, 5:30PM & 11:00PM
Christmas Day
8:30AM & 11:00AM

New Holy Apostles Thousand Club

\$10,000 in Prizes
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- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January 2026.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
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- This makes 11 chances to win each month and a total of 110 chances to win for the duration of the club!
- Each ticket costs \$60.
- The \$300.00 Early Bird Drawing will be January 2, 2026, for all those paid in full by January 1st.

Annual Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Our Annual Christmas Flowers and Decorations donation envelope is included with your budget envelopes. Your donation is to help offset our Christmas Flowers and Decoration expenses. It may be made in the name of a deceased loved one or in your own name. A special Memorial Mass for the intentions will be said on **Thursday, January 8th at 8:30 AM.**



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TEEN ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

All teens participating in the Adopt-A-Family project are reminded to meet in the Parish Center at **12 noon this Sunday, December 14th**. The project includes going shopping at Walmart, wrapping gifts, and sharing a Christmas lunch donated by Uncle Tony's. The project concludes by 2:00 pm. *Note each teen needs to have their own transportation to and from Walmart. Blessings to all involved!



INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Our policy for weekday Mass is if school is cancelled or delayed in Cranston due to snow or ice, there will be no morning Mass. If there is an intention for the Mass, it will be rescheduled.

Regarding the **cancellation of religious education**, our policy remains the same. We adhere to the decision of the Cranston School Department. However, if snow begins later in the day, we make every effort to contact teachers and schools with a cancellation notice. Also, the cancellation will be posted on the local TV websites as well as our own parish website.

NEW JUNIOR & SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS



Boys and Girls in grade 4 -12 are eligible to become altar servers and assist at weekend Mass and on special occasions. Altar serving is also a wonderful way to get closer to Jesus. Training will take place soon. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

NEW ALTAR SERVER SIGN UP FORM

Name: _____

Phone _____ Grade _____



Please pray for those serving our country

If you or someone you know has a loved one serving in our armed forces, please send their names with rank and branch of military to cad@holyapostles.com.

Prayer Network

For Special Intentions of a serious nature, please call the parish.

Private Prayer

The Church is open during the week for visits and private prayer. Quiet time with the Lord is time that will be graced and blessed by God. Please enter by the Community Life Center.

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.**

Online Giving with Parish Soft Giving

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday Mass.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- ❖ Call ParishSOFT Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6
- ❖ Log in to:
giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-18

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil: 3 rd Sunday of Advent	December 13
5:00 PM	<u>Louis Perrotta (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Tom, Dawn, Sophia & Olivia	
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent	December 14
8:30 AM	<u>Joseph & Mary DelBonis</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Rose Mastrati (2nd Anniversary)</u> Requested by Vincent Capuano	
<p>✚ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Robert Mignanelli (1st Anniv.) requested by wife, Loretta & Children.</p> <p>✚ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Ronald E. Madiso requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White.</p>		
Monday	Advent Weekday	December 15
8:30 AM	<u>Barry Ricci (6th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Wife & Family	
	<u>Judy Grande (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
Tuesday	Advent Weekday	December 16
8:30 AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Wednesday	Late Advent Weekday	December 17
8:30 AM	<u>Special Intention for Gjergji Family</u> <u>Armando Ricci</u> Requested by Giulia & Family	
Thursday	Late Advent Weekday	December 18
8:30 AM	<u>Nancy Peters (28th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Bob & Deb Favicchio <u>Patricia Caparco</u> Requested by Husband, Mike	
Friday	Late Advent Weekday	December 19
8:30 AM	<u>Gloria Capuano (Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family <u>Theresa & Salvatore Castaldi & Family</u> Requested by Family <u>Special Intention</u>	
Saturday	Vigil: 4 th Sunday of Advent	December 20
5:00 PM	<u>Trisha Viveiros (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Husband, Dan	
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 21
8:30 AM	<u>The Cece & Lombardi Family</u> Requested by Richard & Nancy	
11:00 AM	<u>Luigi & Teresa Parravano</u> Requested by Family	

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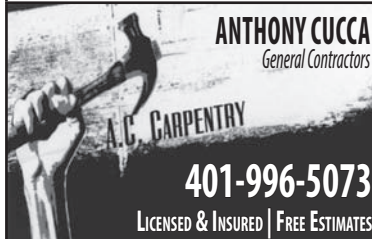
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