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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.holyapostles.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.





Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We witness Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and we see the Holy Spirit descend upon Him like a dove and we hear the voice of the Father say: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." This is a point of great transition in the life of Jesus and in the liturgical life of the Church. Jesus begins His public ministry. He is moving out of the "quiet" life of the home in Nazareth and into the unfolding of His active ministry. The years of preparation are at an end and the years of preaching and teaching have begun. Jesus will show Himself to us. He will reveal Himself to the world. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke. Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus. The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Our liturgies - our Sunday readings and prayers - also take a new turn. In Mass, we will walk with

Jesus throughout His public ministry, and we will once again be witnesses to His miracles, we will hear His preaching, and we will experience His compassion and mercy. The joy of Bethlehem constantly expands as we follow Jesus in his encounter with the disciples and His apostles. We renew our own discipleship and deepen our own faith as we remain close to our Lord and meditate upon His words. While this celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season, it also marks the beginning of new time of discipleship with our Lord. It is a new time of grace and of transformation. At Jesus' baptism, our Father in heaven is inviting us, even urging us, to "listen" to His Son. Jesus is inviting us to "Come, follow me." The Holy Spirit, alive in our hearts, is prompting us to great faith, hope, and love. These are the gifts of grace which we first received in our own baptism. Let them be the source of our strength today as we set out with Jesus along the roads of His public Ministry. It is Jesus who will lead us to the fullness of life. Let's listen to Him! Let's follow where He leads.

I encourage all of us this Sunday to recommit ourselves to living a new way of life, to living differently because baptism truly marked a turning point in our lives. Let each of us make this New Year a time in which we increase our faith and our service to the Church and the Community. But today demands that we also remember our own baptisms and the beginnings of our own walks with Christ.

Today, then, becomes the perfect day to get out pictures from everyone's baptisms. Watch the video or get out the old movies. Dig out your Baptismal Candle. Talk to your parents or your Godparents today about your Baptisms. But we cannot forget. We must never forget. We like Christ, were washed clean in the waters of Baptism. Now it is time to live as baptized people, working together in the Church, for the salvation of all people. Our Baptisms not only buy us a whole new way of life, but our Baptisms also get us the job and responsibility of carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ out to many others. Just like for Jesus, following His Baptism, it was time for Him to go to work. So too for us, following this Feast Day, we are reminded that it is time for all of us to go to work, building the Kingdom of God, and bringing His Gospel to every person that we encounter. This is a great day. On this Feast Day, we are sent out to a world that so desperately needs us, just like Jesus was, two-thousand years ago!

May we bear witness to our Baptisms with our lives, not just with our words. May we live out our Faith every day. And may we put into action, Jesus' good news, that we care and get involved!

With prayers,
Fr. Ledoux

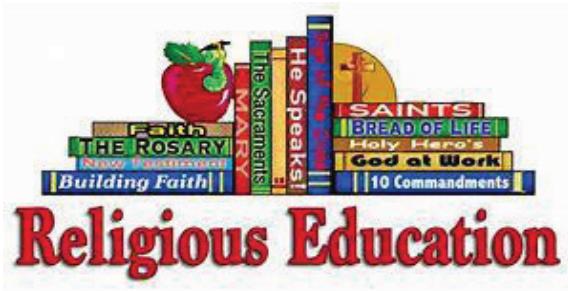


CONFIRMATION II STUDENTS

We have received our Confirmation date:

**Sunday, March 15, 2026
2:00PM**

More information to follow.



Classes for Grades 1-5 will resume the week of January 26/27.



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.

Holy Apostles Thousand Club



\$10,000 in Prizes

- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 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.



Holy Apostles Thousand Club Winner!

We had our Early Bird Drawing of \$300.
The winner: #696 Clifford Verduchi

It's not too late to join. Our first drawing will be on Monday, January 26th!



The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month for fellowship and discussion. Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: <https://www.mosji.org/>

Next Meeting: January 17th at 7:00PM

STEWARSHIP



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

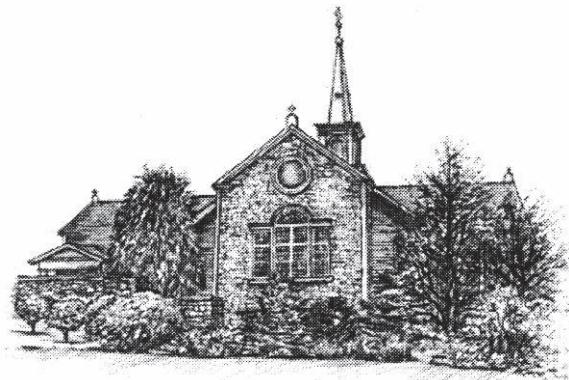


Prayer Network

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.



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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@holycatholicapostles.com

APOSTLES OF MERCY

Thank You!

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



During the month of January, we will be collecting diapers (all sizes) to share with families from St. Charles.



Please pray for the souls of:

**Mary Ruggieri
Joseph DiZoglio
Michelle DiPrete**

who passed away and their funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles. We wish to express our sympathy to their families.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Baptism of the Lord</i>	January 10
2:00 PM	Benjamin Phillips & Celine Vescera_Wedding	
5:00 PM	Michael A. Scungio (Anniversary) Requested by Scungio & Morrissey Family	
Sunday	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	January 11
8:30 AM	Elaine Malachowski (1st Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Mia Hanley (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
<p>⊕ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Gregory Long requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White.</p> <p>⊕ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of William J. Poole (Month's Mind) requested by Wife.</p>		
Monday	<i>Weekday</i>	January 12
8:30 AM	Anna DiCenso Requested by Family	
	Joan Gribbin Requested by Barbara Papitto	
Tuesday	<i>St. Hilary, Bishop/Doctor of Church</i>	January 13
8:30AM	Mafalda Turchetta (16th Anniversary) Requested by Ralph, Cathy & Isabella	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i>	January 14
8:30 AM	Leo F. DiMaio (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i>	January 15
8:30 AM	Mass for the People	
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	January 16
8:30AM	Dewey Kirch Requested by Lori Kirch & Family	
	George Curti (Anniversary)	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	January 17
5:00 PM	Guido Ricciardi (2nd Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	January 18
8:30 AM	Rosemary H. Glancy (25th Anniversary) Requested by Sister, Robin	
11:00 AM	Stephen McGinn (4th Anniversary) Requested by Family	

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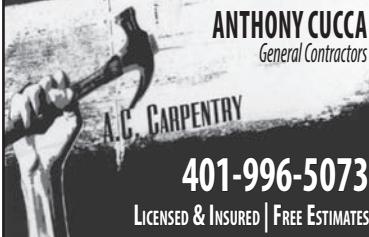
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