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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.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.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

In our liturgical calendar, the Christmas season is over and we are back in Ordinary Time, a season of more than 30 weeks in our Church calendar. Ordinary time may sound bland or routine; it doesn't offer us the glories of the Easter or Christmas seasons or the intensity of Lent or even Advent. But it is just as important to be attentive to Ordinary Time and the yearly unfolding of Jesus' message in our daily lives, our lived existence day in and day out, through the heartaches and the good times. Ordinary Time is the longest season of the Church year. There are still five weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins on February 18, 2026. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habit of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "contemplatives in action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

On Wednesday, January 21st. the Roman Catholic Church honors the virgin and martyr St. Agnes, who suffered death for her consecration to Christ. Although the details of Agnes' life are mostly unknown, the story of her martyrdom has been passed on with reverence since the fourth century. On the feast day of the young martyr – whose name means "lamb" in Latin – the Pope traditionally blesses lambs, whose wool will be used to make the white pallium worn by archbishops. Born into a wealthy family during the last decade of the third century, Agnes lived in Rome during the last major persecution of the early Church under the Emperor Diocletian. Though he was lenient toward believers for much of his rule, Diocletian changed course in 302, resolving to wipe out the Church in the empire. Agnes came of age as the Church was beginning to suffer under a set of new laws decreed by Diocletian, and his co-ruler Galerius, in 303. The emperor and his subordinate called for churches to be destroyed, and their books burned. Subsequent orders led to the imprisonment and torture of

clergy and laypersons, for the sake of compelling them to worship the emperor instead of Christ.

Meanwhile, Agnes had become a young woman of great beauty and charm, drawing the attention of suitors from the first ranks of the Roman aristocracy. But in keeping with the words of Christ and Saint Paul, she had already decided on a life of celibacy for the sake of God's kingdom. To all interested men, she explained that she had already promised herself to a heavenly and unseen spouse. These suitors both understood Agnes' meaning and resented her resolution. Some of the men, possibly looking to change her mind, reported her to the state as a believer in Christ. Agnes was brought before a judge who tried first to persuade her, and then to threaten her, into renouncing her choice not to marry for the Lord's sake.

When the judge showed her the various punishments he could inflict – including fire, iron hooks, or the rack that destroyed the limbs by stretching – Agnes smiled and indicated she would suffer them willingly. But she was brought before a pagan altar instead and asked to make an act of worship in accordance with the Roman state religion. When Agnes refused, the judge ordered that she should be sent to a house of prostitution, where the virginity she had offered to God would be violated. Agnes predicted that God would not allow this to occur, and her statement proved true. The first man to approach her in the brothel was struck blind by a sudden flash of light, and others opted not to repeat his mistake.

But one of the men who had at first sought to make Agnes his own, now lobbied the judge for her execution. In this respect, the suitor obtained his desire when the public official sentenced her to die by beheading. The executioner gave her one last chance to spare her life, by renouncing her consecration to Christ – but Agnes refused, made a short prayer, and courageously submitted to death. St. Agnes, who died in 304, was venerated as a holy martyr from the fourth century onward. She is mentioned in the Latin Church's most traditional Eucharistic prayer, the Roman Canon.

Have a good week!

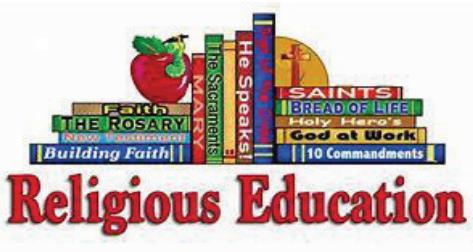
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CONFIRMATION II STUDENTS

We have received our Confirmation date:

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



Religious Education

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

FIRST COMMUNION

(Grades 1 & 2)

PARENTS MEETING

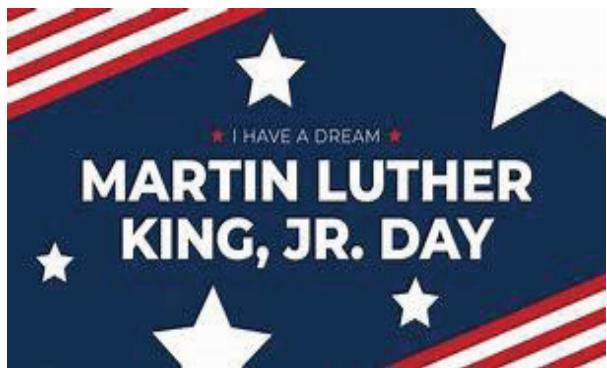
Sunday, January 25th at 9:45AM
in the parish center



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.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of the holiday and there will be no morning Mass.

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.

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 21st at 7:00PM



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.

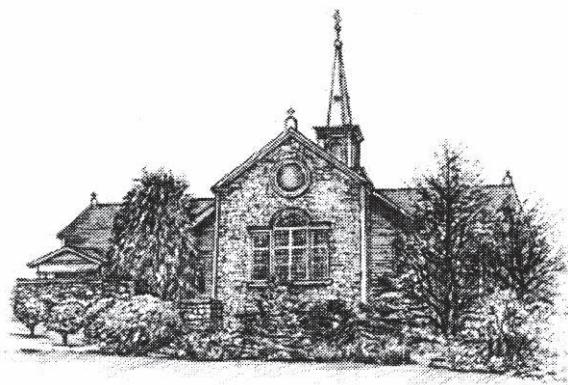
Treasure – Thank you for your financial support.

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



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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:

**Gennaro Venditti
Marie Carnevale
Edward Hanley III**

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	Vigil: 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	January 17
5:00 PM	Guido Ricciardi (2 nd Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Sunday	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	January 18
8:30 AM	Rosemary H. Glancy (25 th Anniversary) Requested by Sister, Robin	
11:00 AM	Stephen McGinn (4 th Anniversary) Requested by Family	
	⊕ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Emily Saccoccia (Anniv.) requested by Daughter & Family.	
	⊕ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Michael Simas (Birthday Rem.) requested by Family.	
Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	January 19
8:30 AM	No Mass	
Tuesday	Weekday	January 20
8:30AM	Ralph Papitto (7 th Anniversary) Requested by Wife, Barbara Evelyn Russo (2 nd Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Wednesday	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	January 21
8:30 AM	Josephine Grande (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family Elaina De La Rosa Armando Picon Requested by Family	
Thursday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	January 22
8:30 AM	Mass for the People	
Friday	Weekday	January 23
8:30AM	Special Intention for Mitchell Tetreault Requested by Tony & Carol Beretto Angela Chrones (21 st Anniversary) Requested by Jim & Cheryl Chrones & Family	
Saturday	Vigil: 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	January 24
5:00 PM	Kevin Miley (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
Sunday	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	January 25
8:30 AM	Melissa Saccoccio (7 th Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Eileen Pellegrino (Anniversary) Requested by Family	

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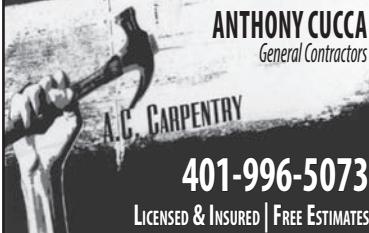
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