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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,

On Monday February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This Feast was known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth. It was a rule among the Jews that the first boy child born to a family was to be taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. There his parents would make an offering to the Lord, to show that the child belonged to the Lord.

When Jesus was forty days old, Joseph and Mary brought Him to the Temple. As an offering Joseph brought a pair of young pigeons to place upon the altar of the Temple. Living in Jerusalem at that time was a very holy man, a man whom the Lord had spoken to directly. His name was Simeon, and he was very old, but the Lord had told him that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, or Savior, whose coming had been predicted in the Bible. One day the Spirit of the Lord urged Simeon to go to the Temple. He went and was there when Joseph and Mary came with the baby Jesus, to present their offering. When Simeon saw the child, the Lord let him know that this was the Christ who had been promised. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to the Lord for letting him see the Christ: "Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

Then Simeon blessed Joseph and Mary. He also told Mary some of the things the future would hold, for her son and for her. He told her of the greatness her son would attain, but he added that sorrow, like a sword, would pierce her heart. There was also in the Temple a woman named Anna, who spoke with God. She spent all her time praying. And the Lord also revealed to her that the baby Jesus was the Savior who had been promised. She too gave thanks to the Lord and told the other people in the Temple that the Redeemer had come.

On Thursday, February 5th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Agatha. It is impossible to write a historically reliable account of St. Agatha's life. The "Acts" of her martyrdom are legendary, dating from the sixth century. According to these sources, Agatha was a Sicilian virgin of noble extraction. Quintianus, governor of Sicily, became deeply enamored of her; but she rejected his advances. As a result, she was charged with being a Christian and brought before his tribunal. To the question concerning her origin she replied: "I am noble born, of a distinguished family, as all my relatives will attest." When asked why she lived the servile life of a Christian, she answered: "I am a handmaid of Christ, and that is why I bear the outward appearance of a slave; yet this is the highest nobility, to be a slave to Christ."

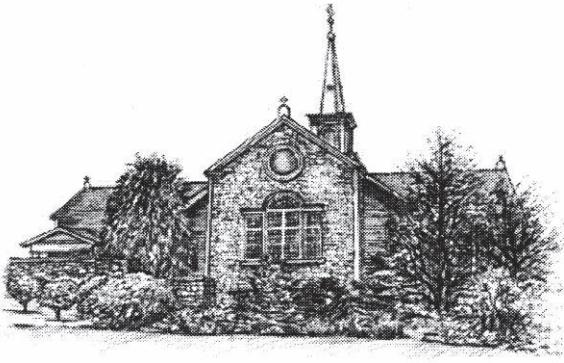
After being tortured, "Agatha went to prison radiant with joy and with head held high as though invited to a festive banquet. And she commanded her agony to the Lord in prayer." The next day, as she again stood before the judge, she declared: "If you do not cause my body to be torn to pieces by the hangmen, my soul cannot enter the Lord's paradise with the martyrs. She was then stretched on the rack, burned with red-hot irons, and despoiled of her breasts.

Returning to prison, she prayed: "You have seen, O Lord, my struggle, how I fought in the place of combat; but because I would not obey the commands of rulers, my breasts were lacerated." In the night there appeared to her a venerable old man, the apostle Peter, with healing remedies. She was miraculously healed by St. Peter: "Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, I give you praise because by Your apostle You have restored my breasts." Throughout the night a light illumined the dungeon. When the guards fled in terror, her fellow prisoners urged her to escape but she refused: "Having received help from the Lord, I will persevere in confessing Him who healed me and comforted me."

Four days later she was again led before the judge. He, of course, was amazed over her cure. Nevertheless, he insisted that she worship the gods, which prompted another confession of faith in Christ. Then by order of the governor, Agatha rolled over pieces of sharp glass and burning coals. At that moment the whole city was rocked by a violent earthquake. Two walls collapsed, burying two of the governor's friends in the debris. Fearing a popular uprising, he ordered Agatha, half dead, to be returned to prison. Here she offered her dying prayer: "Blessed Agatha stood in the midst of the prison and with outstretched arms prayed to the Lord: O Lord Jesus Christ, good Master, I give You thanks that You granted me victory over the executioners' tortures. Grant now that I may happily dwell in Your never-ending glory." There upon she died. Her grave is venerated at Catania in Sicily.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



2027 MASS BOOK will open February 11, 2026.

Please note when booking Masses for 2027:

One family may only book a maximum of **THREE** weekend Masses for the calendar year. This will give other families a greater opportunity to have their intention Masses on the weekend. Further, we are scheduling **TWO** daily Mass intentions per Mass to allow so many more intention Masses for the year. We hope with these increases, the opportunity to accommodate more families that want special intention Masses on weekends. Payment for the mass intention should be made at the time of scheduling.

Weekday Masses are \$15

Weekend Masses are \$30

Altar Bread /Sanctuary Lamps are \$20

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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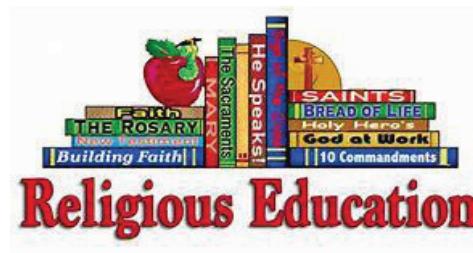
CONFIRMATION II STUDENTS

We have received our Confirmation date:

Sunday, March 15, 2026

2:00PM

***Rehearsal: March 10th @ 5:30pm**



**Classes for Grades 1-5 resume
February 2nd & 3rd.**

FIRST COMMUNION

(Grades 1 & 2)

PARENTS MEETING

**Sunday, February 1st 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.

Save The Date

Holy Apostles Church

Golf Tournament

Golf Registration: 11:30AM/Shotgun Start:
1:00PM/Dinner & Raffles: 6:30PM

Monday, June 1, 2026

Alpine Country Club
251 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston, RI
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- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
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- Each ticket costs \$60.

It's not too late to join.

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



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: February 7th at 8:00AM

APOSTLES OF MERCY

Thank You!

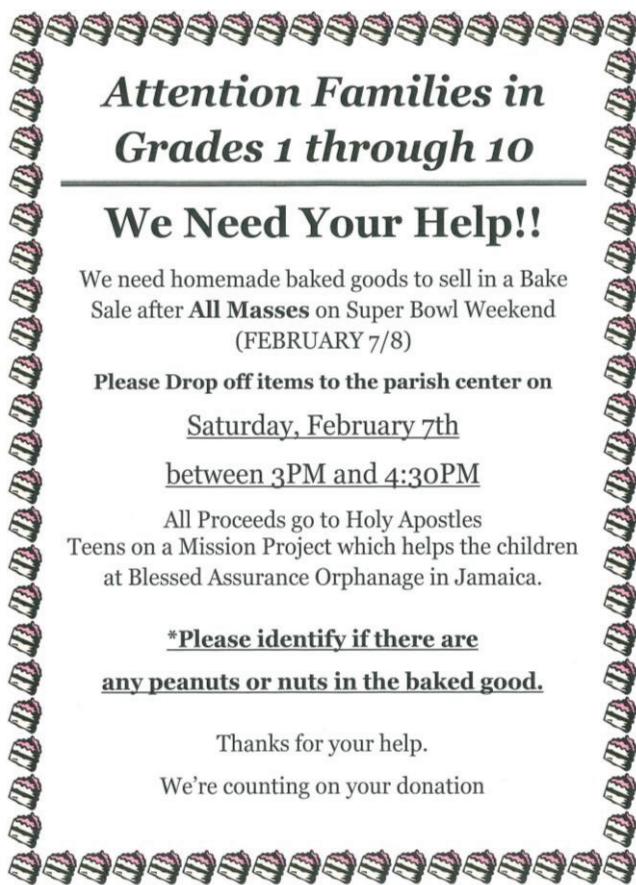
Thanks to all for your ongoing weekly contributions of food items for our needy.



We are continuing to collect diapers (all sizes) to share with families from St. Charles.



SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE



Attention Families in Grades 1 through 10

We Need Your Help!!

We need homemade baked goods to sell in a Bake Sale after **All Masses** on Super Bowl Weekend (FEBRUARY 7/8)

Please Drop off items to the parish center on

Saturday, February 7th

between 3PM and 4:30PM

All Proceeds go to Holy Apostles Teens on a Mission Project which helps the children at Blessed Assurance Orphanage in Jamaica.

*Please identify if there are any peanuts or nuts in the baked good.

Thanks for your help.

We're counting on your donation

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	January 31
5:00 PM	<u>John & Emily Gambuto</u> <u>Sue Coletti</u> Requested by Cynthia & Bob DeAngelis	
Sunday	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 1
8:30 AM	<u>Elaine Malachowski (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Ann Fera Marston (3rd Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	
<p>✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Theresa & Salvatore Castaldi (75th Wedding Anniv.) requested by Linda & Bob Newman.</p> <p>✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Bruce Hart (12th Anniversary) requested by Family.</p>		
Monday	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	February 2
8:30 AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i>	February 3
8:30AM	<u>Alice St. John (1st Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family <u>Cecile Weeden (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Husband, Paul	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i>	February 4
8:30 AM	<u>Paul Blais Sr.</u> <u>Orville Sincerny</u> Requested by Sincerny Family	
Thursday	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	February 5
8:30 AM	<u>Rita DiCaprio</u> Requested by Barbara Papitto <u>Robert Tagliaferri</u> Requested by Barbara Papitto	
Friday	<i>St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	February 6
8:30AM	<u>Alfred Meloccaro (Month's Mind)</u> <u>Mary Jane Meloccaro (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Wendy Catalfamo	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 7
5:00 PM	<u>Adolph Marocco</u> Requested by Joe & Roberta Marocco	
Sunday	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	February 8
8:30 AM	<u>Allyson Gibree (Birthday Rem.)</u> <u>Lois Gibree (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>William Petterutti (19th Anniversary)</u> Requested by Tom, Dawn, Sophia & Olivia	

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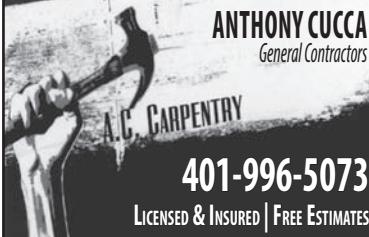
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