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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
this Sacrament of
comfort & healing.

Communion Calls

Please call the
parish office to
request a visit.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This Wednesday, February 11th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.” During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning “this thing.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

On February 11, 2024 the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes in his Angelus address, our late Holy Father Pope Francis stated the following: *He urged people to bring God’s love to the sick and suffering through “concrete actions”. We are all required to be a neighbor to those who suffer, to visit the sick as Jesus teaches us in the Gospel,” he added. In his Angelus address, the pope asked*

people to reflect on what they have done to help the sick and the suffering: “In real terms, when was the last time I went to visit someone alone or sick?” “Or when was the last time I changed my plans to meet the needs of someone who asked me for help?” He said that when people are sick, the first thing that they need — in addition to the attention of health care professionals — is the closeness of their loved ones. “May Mary, solicitous in care, help us to be ready and tangible in love,”

Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in the needy brothers and sisters. Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus’ healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. There are still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *Song of Bernadette*: ***“For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”***

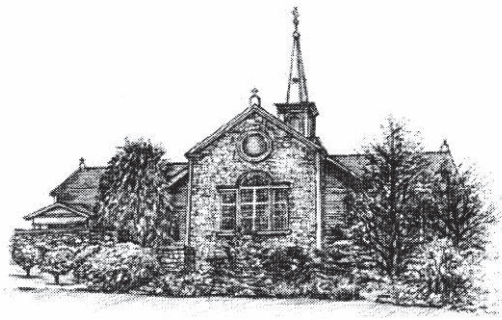
Please Remember the sick in your prayers!

Fr. Ledoux



The 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal has officially begun. This year’s theme is “One Hope, One Faith”. Our parish goal is **\$133,665**, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.7 million. We will have our direct appeal the weekend of February 21/22, but you don’t have to wait. All donations, now or later, will be credited toward our parish goal. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation. Visit givecentral.org/2026CCA to make your difference today.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 8, 2026



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.

Please support the businesses
Who advertise in our weekly bulletin.

ITALIAN NIGHT –



SATURDAY, MARCH 21st at 6:00PM
\$25. Adults / \$10. Children 12 & under

Tickets may be purchased after Mass starting the weekend of **February 28/March 1** or the parish office starting March 2nd.

This benefits our Teen Mission Program.

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



**THE MEN OF
ST. JOSEPH**

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 28th at 7:00PM

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Holy Apostles Thousand Club Winners!



Congratulations to our January Winners~

\$500	#781	Austin Collins
\$150	#60	Michael Pullano
\$100	#3265	Nancy Guertin
\$50	#1567	Mara Cole
\$50	#1241	Sherri Poirier
\$25	#2917	Gary Munroe
\$25	#690	Richard Villanova
\$25	#446	Mickey Coutu
\$25	#1133	Rose Dayrit
\$25	#506	Anne Chretien
\$25	#2685	Terri Kless

***It's not too late to join.** There are still **9**



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.

Catholic School (Grades K-8)

Tuition Assistance

In order to ensure objectivity, the Diocesan Catholic School Office's policy requires that parents complete a financial aid application form that may be obtained from the Catholic school the child attends or plans to attend next year. In addition, a written letter (no emails) requesting consideration for assistance must be submitted to Fr. Ledoux no later than April 30th. **Please mark your envelope with Tuition Assistance.**

-Families requesting assistance must follow church law on fulfilling the "Sunday" obligation to attend Mass. It should also be by way of exception that a family attends Mass in a parish other than Holy Apostles.

-At least one parent must be involved in a parish program/ministry.

-Families must be regular contributors to the parish budget using the weekly envelopes or through Faith Direct.

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 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.



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

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Vigil: 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 7
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5:00 PM **Adolph Marocco**
Requested by Joe & Roberta Marocco

Sunday	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 8
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8:30 AM **Allyson Gibree (Birthday Rem.)**
Lois Gibree (Birthday Rem.)
Requested by Family

11:00 AM **William Petterutti (19th Anniversary)**
Requested by Tom, Dawn, Sophia & Olivia

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of **Joseph Capuano Sr. (Anniversary)** requested by Family.

Monday	Weekday	February 9
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8:30 AM **Ed Hanley**
Requested by The McInnis Family
Norman Palazini (Birthday Rem.)
Requested by Family

Tuesday	St. Scholastica, Virgin	February 10
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8:30AM **Angelo & Sam Montecalvo**
Antonio & Margie Rao
Requested by The Montecalvo Family
Patricia DiSciullo (Month's Mind)
Requested by Husband, Steven

Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes	February 11
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8:30 AM **Vincent Anthony D'Errico (2nd Anniv.)**
Requested by Parents
Ed Hanley III (Month's Mind)
Requested by Morning Mass Friends

Thursday	Weekday	February 12
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8:30 AM **For the People**

Friday	Weekday	February 13
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8:30AM **Evelyn Maggiacomo**
Requested by Wendy Catalfamo
Brian Malone
Requested by Family

Saturday	Vigil: 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 14
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5:00 PM **Antonio Montecalvo (2nd Anniversary)**
Raffaella Montecalvo
Requested by Family

Sunday	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 15
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8:30 AM **Olga V. Ruscetta (Birthday Rem.)**
Requested by Anthony & Donna Ruscetta

11:00 AM **Joseph & Carol LeBeau (Birthday Rem.)**
Requested by Family

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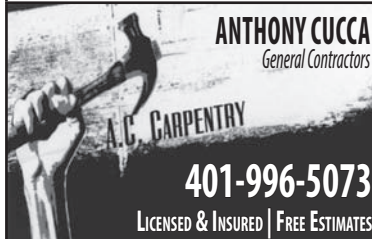
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