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# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

800 PIPPIN ORCHARD ROAD  
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Established July 25, 1991 <sup>+</sup> 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.holyapostles.com](http://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,

This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. The season of Lent is a time to refocus our vision on the sacrificial life, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus. It is meant to clarify our vision of what is truly important in our lives: God's continuing invitation to deepen our covenantal love with Him through the community of the Church. Lent affords us the opportunity to reestablish our priorities. In this way, we may live in harmony with our identity as people called by God to live in His love and peace.

Lent is a season of memory and of hope. It is a season of memory because through our celebration of the Church's liturgy, we recall Christ's dying and rising. It is a season of hope through our sharing in the liturgy. By doing so, we renew and gain confidence to live faithfully the covenant Christ established between His Father and us through His dying and rising.

Saint John Paul II stated in his Lenten address in 2001:

*"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mk 10:33). With these words, the Lord invites the disciples to journey with him along the road that leads from Galilee to the place where he will complete his redemptive mission. The road towards Jerusalem, which the Evangelists present as the crowning point of Jesus' earthly journey, is the model for the Christian who is committed to following the Teacher on the Way of the Cross. Also, the men and women of today are asked by Christ to "go up to Jerusalem". He insists on this, particularly in Lent, a propitious time for self-conversion and for finding full communion with him, intimately taking part in the mystery of his death and resurrection. Lent, therefore, represents for believers the opportune occasion for a profound re-examination of life."* 7 January 2001.

How is one to accept the invitation to conversion that Jesus addresses to us also in this Lenten season? How can a serious change in life come to be realized? It is necessary first to open the heart to the touching messages of the liturgy. The period that leads to Easter represents a providential gift of the Lord and a precious

opportunity to draw closer to him, turning inward and listening to his voice within us.

The season of Lent invites each member of the Parish of Holy Apostles to prayer, fasting and good works. May this season of Lent be a time of renewal and conversion for all of us here at Holy Apostles Parish.

Have a good week and a prayerful Lent!

*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](http://givecentral.org/2026CCA) to make your difference today.



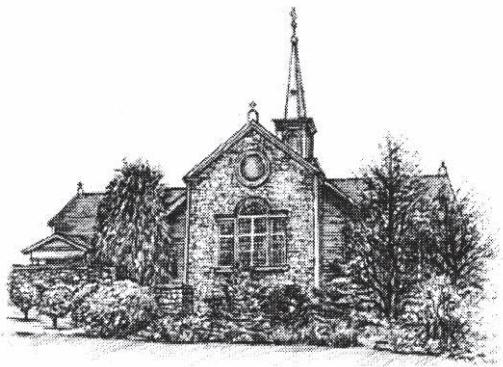
## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the holiday and there will be no morning Mass.



## February 18, 2026

Celebration of Mass with  
Distribution of Ashes  
**8:30am, 12:00noon**  
**And 6:00pm**



## 2027 MASS BOOK

### 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

## ITALIAN NIGHT –



SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This benefits our Teen Mission Program.



## Men of Saint Joseph International

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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

### Save The Date!

**Saturday May 2, 2026**  
**St. Augustine Church**

### Catholic Men's Conference



**"Whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do" John 14:12**

Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.

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Mr. Dennis Souza

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## 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.**

## **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 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](http://giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-18)

## **SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE** **THANK YOU**



Teens On A Mission wishes to THANK everyone who baked and/or bought goods to support our Superbowl bake sale this past weekend. We raised \$2970. Special thanks to all families in Religious Education, grades 1 through 10, for sharing in our fundraiser. Also, we appreciate the effort of our "parish bakers" who made beautiful goods to sell. We appreciate all of you and your willingness to help. Please continue to pray for our missionaries.

## **APOSTLES OF MERCY**



*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.

## **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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- ❖ *Senior Airman Benjamin Fredette, US Air Force*
- ❖ *PO1 Matthew Fyrer, US Coast Guard*
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- ❖ *2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trevor Kenahan, US Marine Corp.*
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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@holypostles.com](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Vigil: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 14
5:00 PM	<b><u>Antonio Montecalvo (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> <b><u>Raffaela Montecalvo</u></b> Requested by Family	
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 15
8:30 AM	<b><u>Olga V. Ruscetta (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Anthony & Donna Ruscetta	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Joseph &amp; Carol LeBeau (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Family	
<p>❖ The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Maria &amp; Dante Laorenza (Anniversary)</b> requested by Family.</p> <p>❖ The <b>Altar Bread</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Vincent, Mary &amp; Gladys Berarducci (Anniversary)</b> requested by Family.</p>		
Monday	President's Day Holiday	February 16
8:30 AM	<b><u>No Mass</u></b>	
Tuesday	Weekday	February 17
8:30AM	<b><u>Verna Cardente (Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Goddaughter, Mary Ellen DiMaio	
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	February 18
8:30 AM	<b><u>For the People</u></b>	
12:00 Noon	<b><u>For the People</u></b>	
6:00 PM	<b><u>Paul Metro Jr.</u></b> Requested by The Sousa & Bellavance Family	
Thursday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	February 19
8:30 AM	<b><u>Marie Notarianni (Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Daughter <b><u>Blanca Morales (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Family	
Friday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	February 20
8:30AM	<b><u>Leo F. DiMaio Jr. (Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family <b><u>William J. Poole (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Wife	
Saturday	Vigil: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	February 21
5:00 PM	<b><u>Mafalda Cascione</u></b> Requested by Family	
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent	February 22
8:30 AM	<b><u>Gloria Connolly (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Lynne & Bud Craddock	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Mia Hanley (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family	

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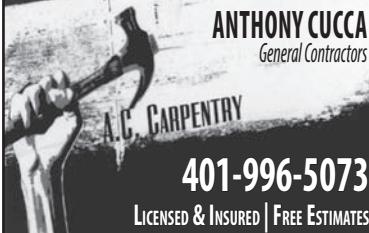
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