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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

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. 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:

During the Season of Lent, we are reminded that one of the precepts of our Lenten Journey is almsgiving. The 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal is now underway! This weekend, I encourage all members of Holy Apostles Parish to consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. I invite each member of our parish to prayerfully consider the importance of sharing our gifts with others in our community. The Catholic Charity Fund Appeal is your annual opportunity to join with other members of our diocesan family to form future priests, nurture youth faith, and care for the vulnerable across the Diocese of Providence. I ask that you consider a pledge or a gift to the 2026 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. We have no way of knowing how much you can afford to give. Only you can answer that question. All we ask is that you reflect for a moment and prayerfully consider what your response will be. To ensure the success of the 2026 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, our goal is to invite every member of Holy Apostles Parish to participate in this important Appeal. During the week ahead, I ask that you consider a pledge or a gift to the 2026 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. On behalf of all those Rhode Islanders whose lives are made better because of your generosity, I thank you. May God bless you and your loved ones for your generosity.

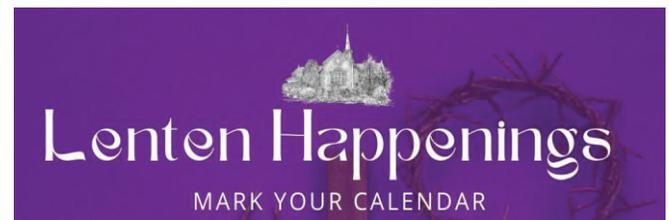
Most of us live far too hectic lives we are busy from morning to night with work, chauffeuring the kids, cleaning, meals, answering the email, and a hundred other things. When we finally sit down in the evening to relax how often right in the middle of a conversation or a TV program or game find ourselves dozing off? We might wake to someone questioning us, "Aren't you listening? We find that we have lost half the program or missed an important inning of a baseball game, so the ending of the program or the game does not make any sense.

For the gospel of today's Mass God reminds us "This is my Son, my chosen One. Listen to him." We need in our Lenten Journey to be awake so we can hear Jesus reveal the wisdom of God, the meaning of life, and the promise of

eternity. This can only be accomplished when we listen, obey, and follow Jesus in our everyday lives. We also need to accept our daily sufferings because they are a part of this promise. Our fidelity to Christ demands that we bear our cross with Christ. If there is no cross, there can be no crown. The Transfiguration changes the disciples. Life could never be the same for them again. They had seen the glory of Jesus. Everything else would be pale to this- except for the Resurrection.

Therefore, my friends, as we begin this second week of our Lenten journey let us be awake in our faith. The conversion of mind and heart, which is so often mentioned in the Scriptures, is what all of us must be willing to do as we strive to become holy. Don't be afraid to rely on the strength of your faith to help you face and conquer the temptations of the world, which serve only to hinder your relationship with God. May your Lenten preparation be fruitful, that your joy may be wondrous at Easter.

Have a good week!
Fr. Ledoux



- **WEEKDAY MASS** ~ The Eucharist is at the very heart of our Catholic faith. What a wonderful way to journey through Lent. Mass is offered on **Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM.**
- **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** ~ this season of repentance and renewal is a perfect time to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We offer the sacrament **every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:30pm.**
- **PRIVATE PRAYER before the BLESSED SACRAMENT** ~ The Community Life Center's main entrance is open for morning Mass and remains open until 4:00 pm.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** ~ FRIDAYS: March 13, 30 & 27 at 6:30pm.

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2026



It is very important that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this Appeal so that the various agencies of our diocese can continue to assist our fellow-Rhode Islanders in need. Every gift, big or small, is important to our success. If we all contribute, I am certain that our goal is attainable.

Holy Apostles' Goal: \$133,665.00
Amount Collected as of 2/20: \$46,801.00

Visit givecentral.org/2026CCA to make your difference today. Thank you again.



Parish Lenten Collection

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Donations can be put in the boxes at the entrances of the Church.

Homeless kits (travel sized body wash, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, body lotion, wet wipes in a clear gallon size bag.

Family Size Personal Hygiene Products – specifically bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner

Laundry detergent, dish soap & household cleansers

ITALIAN NIGHT –



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

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

This benefits our Teen Mission Program.



MOSJI

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: March 7th at 8:00AM

Save The Date!

Saturday May 2, 2026

St. Augustine Church



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

Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.

Bishop of Providence

Reverend Christophe M Mahar

Pastor St. Augustine Church

Mr. Dennis Sousa

Director, Office of Family, Youth, & Young Adult Evangelization



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8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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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.

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

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2026



Sunday, March 15, 2026

2:00pm

*Rehearsal for Candidate and Sponsor will be Tuesday, March 10th @ 5:30pm



Religious Education

STUDENTS & PARENTS MEETING

Middle School

Sunday, March 1 at 9:30AM

Confirmation I

Sunday, March 22 at 5:30PM

IMPORTANT DATES:

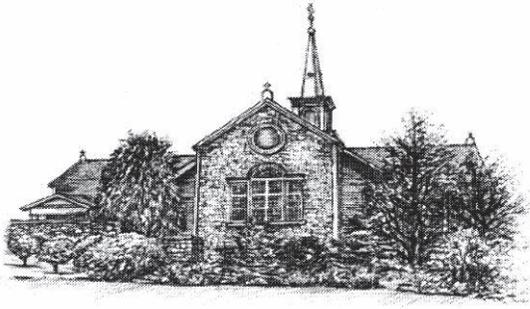
- **Summer Classes: June 22-25**
- **Vacation Bible Camp: July 13-17**
- **Teen Retreat: August 1-2**

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.



2027 MASS BOOK

Please note when booking Masses:

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

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@holypostles.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday *Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent* **February 28**

5:00 PM **Desiree M. Marcello (13th Anniversary)**
Requested by Family

Sunday *Second Sunday of Lent* **March 1**

8:30 AM **Gary Troiani (Birthday Rem.)**
Requested by Troiani Family

11:00 AM **Charles & Doris Stepinski (Anniversary)**
Requested by Daughter, Susan Choquette

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of **Albert Isabella (20th Anniversary)** requested by Family.

✠ The **Altar Bread** is offered this week in memory of **Thomas M. Gillis** requested by Barbara Smith White.

Monday *Lenten Weekday* **March 2**

8:30 AM **Capezza & Pezzullo Families**
Requested by Angelo & Christine Pezzullo
Nicole Vizcaino
Requested by Barbara Smith White

Tuesday *Lenten Weekday* **March 3**

8:30AM **For the People**

Wednesday *Lenten Weekday* **March 4**

8:30 AM **Richard Varone (Birthday Rem.)**
Requested by Janice Varone & Family
Susan Donat (Month's Mind)
Requested by Emilia Monteiro

Thursday *Lenten Weekday* **March 5**

8:30 AM **Theresa Castaldi & Salvatore Castaldi (Birthday Rem.) & Family**
Requested by Family

Friday *Lenten Weekday* **March 6**

8:30AM **Ralph Lappin**
Requested by Wife & Family
Maria Ricciotti, Oscar Forlani Jr. & Oscar Forlani Sr.
Requested by Julia Ricciotti

Saturday *Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent* **March 7**

5:00 PM **Carol & Roger Winarski (Anniversary)**
Requested by Marie Albanese

Sunday *Third Sunday of Lent* **March 8**

8:30 AM **Giuseppe Mattiello (18th Anniversary)**
Requested by Daughter, Rosemarie & Family

11:00 AM **Gerard Dulieu & Lillian Newhouse (Anniv.)**
Requested by Family

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