

From the Pastor

Dear Friends:

*I wish to express my deep gratitude to all those who made our **CABARET: “The Greatest Show”** such a success. The two evenings of song and food were outstanding! Thank you for all who attended and all those who contributed in any way to help fund our Teens On A Mission Trip in June.*

Today we approach the Fifth Sunday of our Lenten Journey. Our Gospel this weekend is again taken from the Gospel according to John. Today’s Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John’s Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus’ obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus’s resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha’s sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus’s tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the

miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus’ death.

In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus’s tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus’ tomb. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

This weekend we begin the last third of the Lenten season. Even if we have not been at all that faithful to our chosen Lenten practices, it is not too late now to resolve to open ourselves to encounter with Jesus so that we can approach Easter with a renewed spirit seeking new life. Let us resolve to make the remainder of this journey to be attentive to our call of discipleship.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



- **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** ~ We offer the sacrament **every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:30pm.**
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** ~ **MONDAY, March 27 at 6:30pm** as well as **Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00pm.**
- **PRIVATE PRAYER before the BLESSED SACRAMENT** ~ Quiet time or “desert time” alone in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is another way to get “in touch” with the spiritual side of our lives. The Community Life Center’s main entrance is open for morning Mass and remains open until 4:00 pm.
- **LENTEN PRESENTATION IN CHURCH** ~ **Sunday, March 26th at 6:00pm**

*Confirmation and Grades 6-8 students are required to attend this presentation.

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PALM SUNDAY

Vigil Mass Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Presentation of the Passion at all Masses

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion & Procession: 7:00PM

Adoration until 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross: 3:00PM

Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion:
7:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Vigil and Mass

of the Lord's Resurrection: 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:30AM & 11:00AM



“Operation Rice Bowl” It would be helpful for us if you would take the loose change and convert it into currency or into a check. All of the money received will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

EASTER DECORATIONS

Included in your budget envelopes this year is our annual envelope which helps cover the cost of our Easter flowers and decorations. Donations may be made in the name of a deceased loved one. A special Memorial Mass will be said on **April 24, 2023**.



APOSTLES OF MERCY

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

Apostles of Mercy

PARISH

LENTEN

COLLECTION

WEEKENDS OF:
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Homeless Kits & Family Size Personal Hygiene Products

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND: April 1 & 2

laundry detergent, dish soap, & household cleansers i.e. Mr. Clean

Homeless kits - travel size containers of body wash, shampoo, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, body lotion, & wet wipes in a gallon size clear bag

Family size personal hygiene products - specifically bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner

*Boxes will be at the entrances of the Church to drop off donations.

ELEMENTARY GRADES: PREK TO 5

HOLY APOSTLES PRESENTS

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST
10:00 AM

- GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS
- TRUNK HOP (LIKE A TRUNK OR TREAT BUT MAKE IT EASTER THEMED!)
- DONUTS & COFFEE
- PICTURE WITH EASTER BUNNY
- MUSIC

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QUESTIONS

REGISTER BELOW

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Congratulations to the following high school students who were confirmed by Bishop Evans on March 19th:

Illiana Alves	Ethan Madden
Ava Amadio	Madison Marella
Abby Bianco	Michael Masse
Lola Blessington	Matthew Mastrostefano
Natalie Brandow	John Moretta
Logan Breault	Trent Nani
Benjamin Brooks	Madison Nardone
Aidan Carter	Michael Parks
Lucia Ciccone	Jared Patalano
Harrison Coupe	Madison Peixinho
Ronald Cronin	Joseph Pennacchia
Mia Crudale	Isabella Perrotta
Cole Curran	Matthew Petit
Sophia Deanseris	Pamela Reichardt
Gianna D'Ercole	John Renza
Nicholas DiRaimo	Lucas Richard
Julia DiRaimo	Ava Ruzzano
Hayley Erickson	Enzo Sansone
Jack Fontaine	Lila Sczerbinski
Amaya Gallant	Ava Sears
Victoria Geisser	Benjamin Spirito
Mark Iorfida	Michael Testa
Dylan Kidd	Jayden Testa
Grace Kogut	Nicholas Testa
Zachary Leone	Olivia Venagro
Ava Lodge	Ava Zito
Gian Macko	

Attention ~ Grade 2 First Communion Parents

The First Communion parent meeting on Wednesday, April 5th has been cancelled. Please refer to the email you received.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

The underlying premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need. 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 letter requesting consideration for assistance must be submitted to Fr. Ledoux as soon as possible but no later than the end of April.

THANK YOU



Teens On A Mission 2023 wishes to thank everyone who had any part in and all those who attended our Cabaret. This event was a huge success, thanks to your generosity. Please continue to pray for us as we make our way to Blessed Assurance in June.



Please support the businesses
who advertise in our weekly bulletin.

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Holy Apostles' Goal: \$127,300.00
Amount Collected as of 3/19: \$47,834.00

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

This secure program works directly with your bank or credit card. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account or charging your credit card for the amount to which you have agreed in writing. **Holy Apostles is offering two debit dates~ the 4th or 15th of the month or both!** You can enroll in Faith Direct or make changes to your account dates or contributions online at www.faithdirect.net or call 1-866-507-8757. Holy Apostles parish code is RI18.



VNA of Care New England Grief and Bereavement Support Group

NEXT MEETING: March 30, 2023

This group is designed to support individuals and families who have lost a loved one. This series runs from 2:00pm to 3:30pm in the Community Life Center here at Holy Apostles. The meeting room is by the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 25
5:00 PM	<u>Kimberly Markarian (Birthday Rem.)</u> Requested by Brother, Jim Chrones & his Family	
Sunday	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	March 26
8:30 AM	<u>Angela Ragosta</u> Requested by Friends	
11:00 AM	<u>Domenic Ferri (1st Anniversary)</u> Requested by Wife & Children	
✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Leroy V. Rose requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White.		
✠ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Albert Mastrodicasa (Anniversary) and Lola Mastrodicasa (Anniversary) requested by The Sincerny Family.		
Monday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 27
8:30 AM	<u>Special Intention</u>	
6:30 PM	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>	
Tuesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 28
8:30AM	<u>For the People</u>	
Wednesday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 29
8:30 AM	<u>Joseph Croce Jr.</u> Requested by Family	
Thursday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 30
8:30 AM	<u>Frank Donahue Jr. (2nd Anniversary)</u> Requested by Wife, Betty Ann & Daughter, Holly	
Friday	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	March 31
8:30AM	<u>William & Catherine Wisdom</u> Requested by Daughter, Sue	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: Palm Sunday</i>	April 1
5:00 PM	<u>Kimberly Markarian</u> Requested by Tony Grelle	
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	April 2
8:30 AM	<u>Joseph & Tina Luciano (Birthday/Anniv.)</u> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>Claire Russi (3rd Anniversary)</u> Requested by Family	

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