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### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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*

## Very Reverend William J. Ledoux

*Pastor / wjl@holyapostles.com*

## Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

*In Residence*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

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## Deacon Gregory P. Albanese

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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.

### 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,

The message we are to receive this Easter season is a message of hope and joy. That is the message of the Road to Emmaus as well. The disciples were fleeing something in today's Gospel, trying to get away from Jerusalem. But, along the way, they were conversing and debating, talking and discussing, inquiring and examining. They were trying to make sense of what was going on when, on the surface, things did not make sense at all. And that is what Christ wants us to do as well: to make sense of the reality of the risen Christ in our lives this Easter season, to converse and debate, to talk and discuss, to inquire and examine. We may want to flee and just forget about things, to not face some of the realities that are present in our lives. But the risen Christ is there to help us in our reality, whatever that reality may be. Christ is risen, but what does that mean for us?

The problem that the disciples encountered is the same problem many of us face today; Jesus' death on the cross is understood only if we understand his mission. The disciples in today's Gospel reading are still unclear on just what Jesus' mission was. Jesus dedicated his life to fulfilling the mission that the Father entrusted to him. In the end, this mission is accepting the sovereignty of God. However, Jesus' mission of preaching the Kingdom raised opposition and doubt. Jesus remained faithful to his mission despite all the difficulties and eventually the apparent "failure" of this mission due to his death on the cross.

The first Christians had to respond to this apparent failure and their opposition was at times hostile. Adversaries claimed that Jesus was not the Messiah precisely because of his death on the cross and because he had been condemned and rejected by the religious leaders of the time. Undoubtedly, the disciples were seeing Jesus' death in the same light. Not until they witnessed the risen Christ did, they finally understand. Once this happened, their lives took on an entirely new meaning. They understood, then that Jesus' death was a perfect sacrifice capable of reestablishing a new relationship with God. Because Jesus died on the cross in obedience to the will of the Father, his

cross was now seen as the ultimate manifestation of God's love for us.

To this end, the first disciples preached Jesus' death and resurrection, and did so especially by their example. They identified to such an extent with this Jesus that martyrdom was common among these first Christians. They finally understood that to become a true disciple they must become like Jesus himself – obedient to the truth of God's Word despite the difficulty, despite the opposition, despite the hostility. In the end they identified so much with Jesus that like him, they loved and forgave, while upholding truth and justice to the ultimate consequences. As followers of Jesus today we are called to do the same. These two disciples were able to break away from the past and from all that was holding them back. They were able to leave behind their frustration and confusion to work towards healing from their brokenness. They were able to look beyond their hopelessness and see the hope in Jesus' presence with them in the way they offered kindness and help to Jesus when they thought him to be a stranger. Finally, after they were able to break open God's word and break bread with this stranger, they were able to recognize Jesus as the stranger in their midst.

*Have a good week!*

*Fr. Ledoux*



***Holy Apostles' Goal:*** \$127,300.00

***Amount Collected as of 4/5:*** \$112,127.00

***Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 2024***

## GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH



## ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB

\$200. Per Player/\$800 Per Foursome

Golf, Awards, Raffles & Dinner

Forms are in this bulletin, on our website or in the parish office.



We are selling a maximum of 100 tickets at \$100 each and awarding one **CASH PRIZE** at our Golf Tournament on **Monday, June 3, 2024**. There will be an "Early Bird" drawing of \$500 for all tickets sold and paid for prior to April 30, 2024. Please contact the parish office to reserve your number.

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## May Breakfast



SUNDAY, MAY 5th

9am to 10:30am

Parish Center

A Hearty Homemade Breakfast:



eggs, bacon, sausage, homefries,  
toast, Dunkin Donuts, fruit salad,  
coffee & juice

Adults: \$10. Children: \$5. Family Max: \$25.

Tickets are **LIMITED** and available after Masses the weekends of 4/21 & 4/28 or in the parish office.

## NEW CONFIRMATION I CANDIDATES & their Parents Orientation Meeting

(Catholic AND public school students  
entering Grade 9 in Sept. 2024)

**April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
in the parish center.**

### ➤ IMPORTANT DATES:

**Middle School and Confirmation Classes:**

June 24 to June 27, 2024

**Vacation Bible Camp:**

July 8 – July 12, 2024

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Please pray for those serving our country



- SMSgt Kevin Sarli, RI Air National Guard
- SSGT Joshua Anderson, US Marine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jacob Anderson, US Marine
- TSGT Robert M. Braga, US Air Force
- HM3 Yosman Rodriguez, US Navy
- Senior Airman Benjamin Fredette, US Air Force
- PO1 Matthew Fyrer, US Coast Guard
- ETN2 John Andrew Loiselle, US Navy
- Capt. Benjamin M. Adamo, US Air Force
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Trevor Kenahan, US Marine Corp.
- Capt. Dylan T. Farley, US Army
- A1C Michael J. Cuddemi, US Air Force
- SSG 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mark O'Brien, US Army
- Pvt Thomas Napolitano, US Army
- LtCdr James Cremean, US Navy
- SrA Ronald D. Garafano Jr., US Air Force
- Sgt. Victoria Seitz, US Army
- SFC Adam Shone, RI Army National Guard
- IT2 Travis Collins, US Navy
- LtCdr Ronald LaRocca, Navy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. James Vartanian, RI Army National Guard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Christopher Vartanian, RI Army Nat. Guard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Andrew Smedberg, RI Army National Guard
- Cadet Matthew Vartanian, URI ROTC, RI Army Nat. Guard
- SPC4 Luke Rossi, US Army
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andrew Cooney, US Army
- EMN1 Austin J. Collins, US Navy
- Capt. Joseph Palazini, US Army

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).

**Thank You!**

### **APOSTLES OF MERCY**

*A special word of thanks to everyone who contributed to our Lenten Collections for the needy. It was an overwhelming success. We are so thankful for your help!*

Please pray for the souls of:



**Judith Umbriano  
Claire Moretti  
Cecile Berardis  
Louise Scungio  
Edith DiMaio  
Chester Piascik  
Frank Iacampo**

who passed away and their Funeral Masses were celebrated here at Holy Apostles.

We wish to express our sympathy to their families.



The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month beginning with the Rosary in the chapel followed by fellowship, Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the website at: [www.rimosj.org](http://www.rimosj.org).

**Next meeting: April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

### **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.

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

**Please** notify the Parish Office of *any* name, address, telephone changes, etc.

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## 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.**

### A Report of the Stewardship of our Treasure:

|                           | Month/year      | Month/year      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                           | March 2023      | March 2024      |
|                           | # Weeks: 4      | # Weeks: 5      |
| # Budget Envelopes        | 1,007           | 1,264           |
| Budget contributions      | \$24,735.25     | \$31,776.00     |
| Additional loose          | \$2,130.32      | \$4,167.07      |
| Total budget income       | \$26,865.57     | \$35,943.07     |
| # Faith Direct donors     | 380             | 387             |
| # Faith Direct donations  | 1,520           | 1,935           |
| Total Faith Direct income | \$25,009.00     | \$29,918.00     |
| Monthly grand total       | \$51,874.57     | \$65,861.07     |
| YTD:                      | <b>39 Weeks</b> | <b>40 Weeks</b> |
| # Budget envelopes        | 8,243           | 8,858           |
| Budget contributions      | \$243,158.25    | \$250,990.00    |
| Additional loose          | \$13,993.17     | \$18,104.79     |
| # Faith Direct donations  | 13,225          | 15,126          |
| Faith Direct income       | \$236,784.50    | \$242,041.50    |
| YTD grand total           | \$493,935.92    | \$511,136.29    |
| Average Per Week          | \$12,665.02     | \$12,778.40     |

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 1-866-507-8757. Holy Apostles parish code is RI18.



**Saturday** *Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter* **April 13**

5:00 PM **Flora DiMascio (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Family

**Sunday** *Third Sunday of Easter* **April 14**

8:30 AM **Viola & Ernest Perreault**  
Requested by Roland & Jackie Tetreault

11:00 AM **Debra Lancia (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Bob & Deb Favicchio

✠ The **Altar Bread** is offered this week in memory of **Angelo Laurenza (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)** requested by Family.

✠ The **Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week in memory of **Patricia Caparco** requested by Family.

**Monday** *Easter Weekday* **April 15**

8:30 AM **Patrice Tarantino (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Barbara Papitto

**Tuesday** *Easter Weekday* **April 16**

8:30AM **Special Intention**

**Wednesday** *Easter Weekday* **April 17**

8:30 AM **Mass for the People**

**Thursday** *Easter Weekday* **April 18**

8:30 AM **Marion Gaeta (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Family

**Friday** *Easter Weekday* **April 19**

8:30AM **Anthony & Sue Catalozzi**  
Requested by Family

**Saturday** *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter* **April 20**

5:00 PM **Anthony Gallo Sr. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by Wife, Cheryl

**Sunday** *Fourth Sunday of Easter* **April 21**

8:30 AM **Judith Vartanian (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Family

11:00 AM **Raymond Pellegrino (Birthday Rem.)**  
Requested by Family

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