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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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### Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

In Residence

### Monsignor Richard D. Sheahan

Pastor Emeritus

### Monsignor Paul D. Theroux

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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.holypostles.com](http://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.



Dear Friends,

***This Thursday, September 11th will be the twenty-fourth anniversary of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. For most of us and the victims of that horrific event, it started out to be a beautiful morning in September, but by 8:46a.m. our lives and our world would be forever altered. On the anniversary of that fateful day, we honor the memory of nearly 3,000 people who tragically lost their lives in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. Let us not forget them. As we pause to reflect upon the sorrow of that day, we also recall the dedication, commitment and strength of those who responded to the tragic events. As generations before us remember where they were on days that changed history, we will never forget the events of September 11.***

On Tuesday, September 8th, the Church will celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace. We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If

Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

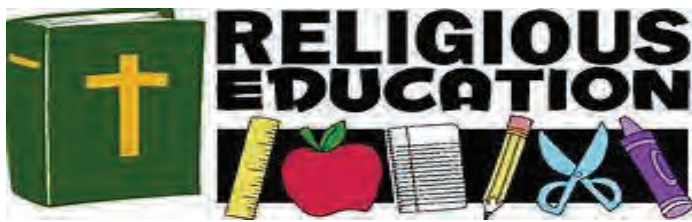
On Wednesday, September 9th, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint Peter Claver. A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615. By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish. Peter Claver's predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work.

During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves. Fr. Claver's apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead. After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves. The Holy Spirit's might, and power are manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver. Peter's determination to serve forever the most abused, rejected, and lowly of all people is stunningly heroic.

Have a good week! Fr. Ledoux

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 7, 2025***





Classes begin Monday,  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday,  
September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## TEACHER MEETING

There will be a teacher meeting on Monday,  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the parish center:

New Teachers: 5pm to 5:30pm

Returning Teachers: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

These meetings will include pizza.



HOLY APOSTLES RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION PROGRAM

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

We are seeking 3 adults to join our  
community and help inspire and teach young  
minds for one hour each week.

(End of September to Early April with a large  
break December - January.)

Please contact Michael Santilli if you are  
interested in being a teacher for the 2025-  
2026 Religious Education year.

Update

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

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

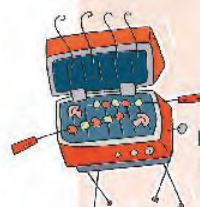
## Teen Welcome Barbecue

*For all teens (Gr. 9-12) and parents*

**September 21**

**5:30pm to 7:00pm**

**in the gym**



Hear about all the exciting events for the  
upcoming high school year!



### **New Teens on a Mission**

We are beginning the process of planning our  
“Mission Trip” for interested Confirmed teens  
(currently in Grades 11 & 12) and who attend  
Mass on a regular basis. So that you can hear  
details concerning the “Mission Trip”, we  
have scheduled a meeting for **October 5<sup>th</sup> at  
10:00AM** in the **Parish Center**. This  
meeting is for any interested Confirmed  
teenager and at least one parent. If you are  
interested and cannot attend this meeting,  
please contact Mike Santilli before October  
5th. The meeting will provide some important  
information that you need to know as you  
consider this challenge.

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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic?** Perhaps you have a relative or friend who has inquired about the Catholic faith and possibly has questions about what the requirements are to become a Catholic. Or maybe you know someone who was baptized a Catholic as a child, but never followed through with other sacraments and now, as an adult, is more interested in having faith as a part of their life. An **information meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the community life center.**


## 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.**

### FAITH DIRECT - 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.



For decades, our priests have devoted their lives in service to God and the people of our Diocese. Now, in their retirement, we have the opportunity to care for them with the same love and gratitude they have shown us.

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### *Senior Priest Retirement Fund*

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. At all the Masses September 20/21 weekend, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you don’t receive envelopes, please use a plain envelope marked “Priest Retirement”. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org). Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.



### COME SHARE YOUR VOICE

**ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 7:00pm. ***All are invited.*** We sing at the 8:30AM Mass and would love to have new members.

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## The Ongoing Crisis in Gaza- Requested from Archbishop Broglio and the USCCB

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, if you would like to donate to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza, please use the following information:

### Catholic Relief Services

Donate online: [support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict)

Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by check: Catholic Relief Services- Holy Land Response  
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## APOSTLES OF MERCY

We collect food for the needy in the box at the entrances of the Church. We can only accept non-perishables.

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](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Sept. 6
5:00 PM	<b>Raymond J. Brown Sr. (Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family	
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sept. 7
8:30 AM	<b>Mary &amp; Vincent O'Leary (Anniversary)</b> Requested by John O'Leary & Family	
11:00 AM	<b>Paul Filippone Sr. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Wife & Family	
<p>✚The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of <b>Anthony Colella Sr. (1st Anniversary)</b> requested by Wife &amp; Family.</p> <p>✚The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of <b>Anne Swenson (1st Anniversary)</b> requested by Family.</p>		
Monday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	September 8
8:30 AM	<b>Rosalind M. Mulcahey (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Nephew <b>Mass of Thanksgiving</b>	
Tuesday	St. Peter Claver, Priest	September 9
8:30AM	<b>Steve &amp; Jean Soucy</b> Requested by Family	
Wednesday	Weekday	September 10
8:30 AM	<b>For the People</b>	
Thursday	Weekday	September 11
8:30 AM	<b>For all those that died in the tragedy of September 11, 2001</b>	
Friday	Weekday	September 12
8:30AM	<b>Special Intentions for Gjergji Family</b>	
Saturday	Vigil: Exaltation	September 13
2:00 PM	<b>Kyle Cabral &amp; Angela Pinto Wedding</b>	
5:00 PM	<b>Armando Solitro (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Anthony & Martha Solitro	
Sunday	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	September 14
8:30 AM	<b>Ronald Russell II (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Mom & Lou	
11:00 AM	<b>Barkett &amp; Bianco Families</b> Requested by Family	

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