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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

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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. 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,

On Tuesday, September 23rd, we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) in one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity." Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned. He died on September 23, 1968 and was beatified in 1999. Referring to that day's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30) at Padre Pio's canonization Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: "The Gospel image of 'yoke' evokes the many trials that the humble Capuchin of San Giovanni Rotondo endured. Today we contemplate in him how sweet is the 'yoke' of Christ and indeed how light the burdens are whenever someone carries these with faithful love. The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord."

On Saturday, September 27th, we celebrate the memorial of St. Vincent de Paul. The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Saint Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life. The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Saint Vincent de Paul established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief for the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Saint Vincent de Paul was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others. Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 21, 2025



All students in Grades 1 to 5 should be registered for religious education classes.

**Classes begin Monday,
September 29th and Tuesday,
September 30th.**



TEACHER MEETING

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

New Teachers: 5pm to 5:30pm

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

These meetings will include pizza.

Teen Welcome Barbecue

For all teens Grades 9-12

**September 21
5:30pm to 7:00pm
In the gym**

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



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM (GRADES 1 AND 2) PARENTS MEETING

Sunday, September 21st

10am

Parish Center



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 5th 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.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



All Confirmation candidates are required to visit St. Charles Soup Kitchen. The visits are held on Thursday evenings. Please call the Parish Office to schedule your visit.



The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month for fellowship and discussion. Men of all ages are invited to attend.

Next Meeting: September 24 at 7:00PM



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult who was never baptized and are feeling called to Baptism within the Roman Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who was baptized into a Christian denomination other than Catholicism and wish to be received into the Roman Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who was baptized within the Roman Catholic Church, but never received your First Communion and/or Confirmation? Would you like to receive these sacraments?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) might be for you. The RCIA is the process by which adults are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and become full members of the Roman Catholic Church after completing a series of spiritual and educational presentations about the Roman Catholic religion.

If you are interested in beginning this process or would like more information, please attend our information meeting on **Sunday, September 28th at 10am** in the Community Life Center.

SAVE THE DATE



SIP AND SAVOR

Saturday, November 1, 2025

6:00pm to 9:30pm

\$50 per person

Wine Tasting, Kraft Beers, Sample apéritifs, Musical entertainment, Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts & Cigars

***Adults only**

Meet and greet fellow parishioners and join the fun!!!!

Tickets will be sold starting the weekend of October 4/5.



50/50 RAFFLE

We are having a Fall 50/50 Raffle selling 100 tickets at \$100 each. The single winner keeps 50% of the total sales and Holy Apostles keeps the other half. Tickets are available after all Masses or at the parish office.

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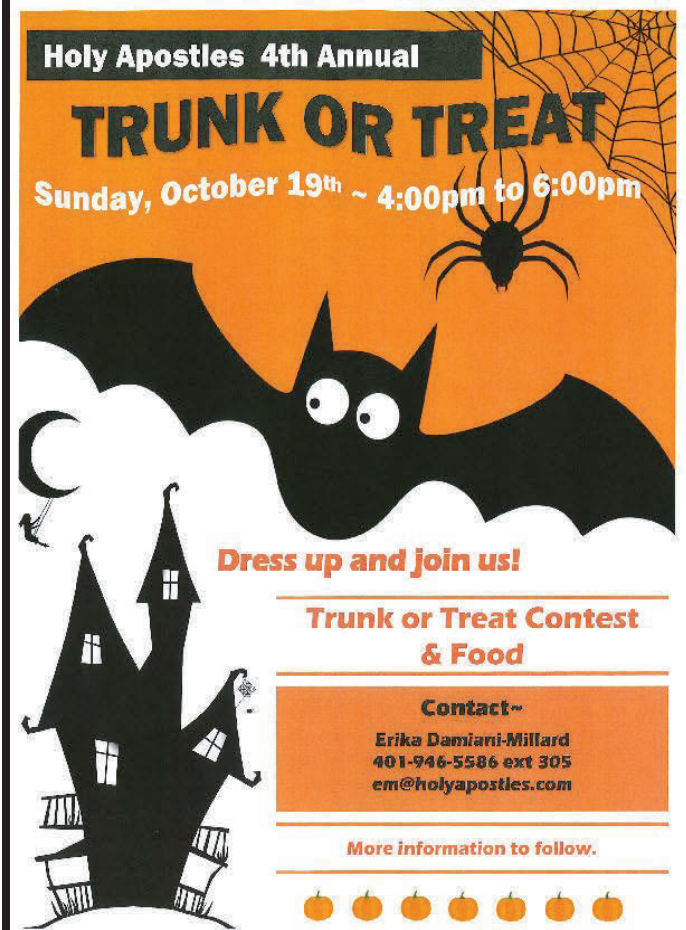
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CATHOLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE (CAL)
Boys & Girls Grades/Divisions:
Instructional K thru 2nd
3rd & 4th Grades
5th & 6th Grades
7th & 8th Grades
9th & 10th Grades



More information to follow.

Holy Apostles 4th Annual
TRUNK OR TREAT
Sunday, October 19th ~ 4:00pm to 6:00pm



Dress up and join us!

Trunk or Treat Contest & Food

Contact~
Erika Damiani-Millard
401-946-5586 ext 305
em@holypostles.com

More information to follow.

Kidney Donor Needed

A parishioner's son, Jeff Zurowski, needs a kidney donor. The best match is by blood type O and age 18-60 yrs. old. For more information, please contact Jeff at 3100travels@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil: 25 th Sunday	September 20
2:00 PM	Alexander DiChiaro & Gisele Iafrate Wedding	
5:00 PM	Imperia & Albert Rapa Joyce Bennett Requested by Marie Albanese	
Sunday	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 21
8:30 AM	The Cece & Lombardi Family	
11:00 AM	David Corso Rose & Joseph Corso Requested by Mary Corso	

✚ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of **Michael Crispino** requested by Family.

✚ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Nicholas & Grace Romano (Birthday Rem.)** requested by Family.

Monday	Weekday	September 22
8:30 AM	Special Intention	
Tuesday	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	September 23
8:30AM	Ilene DiMaio Requested by Morning Mass Friends	
Wednesday	Weekday	September 24
8:30 AM	For the People	
Thursday	Weekday	September 25
8:30 AM	Margaret Sullivan (Anniversary) Requested by Mary & John Scanlon	
Friday	Weekday	September 26
8:30AM	Special Intentions for Gjergji Family	
Saturday	Vigil: 26 th Sunday	September 27
5:00 PM	Raffaella Montecalvo (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Montecalvo Family	
Sunday	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 28
8:30 AM	James & Doris Pennell (75th Wedding Anniversary) Requested by Daughter, Marilyn	
11:00 AM	Carlos Belchior Requested by Family	

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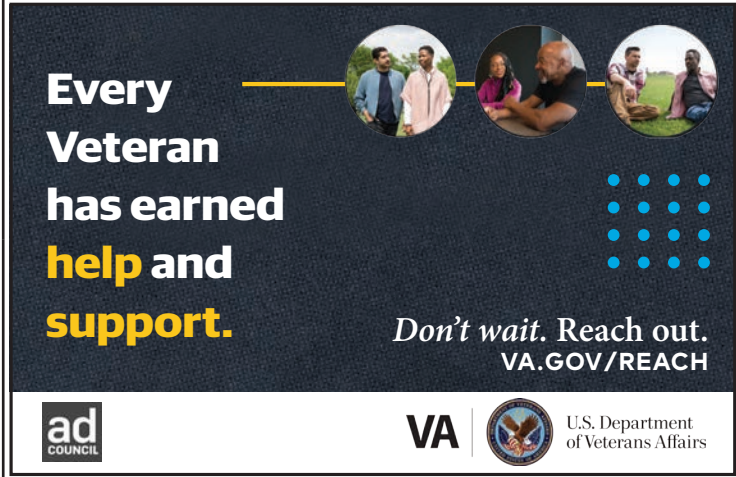
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