

# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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OCTOBER 1, 2023



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Monday to Friday  
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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@holypostles.com

### Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

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### 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.



## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a mite of self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up every material thing he had, piling even his clothes before his earthly father (who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor) so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious "nut," begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, bringing sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (see Luke 9:1-3). Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time

when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

He was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44) he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



Deacon Greg will do the Blessing of Animals on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon** in the lower parking lot.

## EVENING WITH MARY



October is a month set aside to honor our Blessed Mother. We will offer a special evening of the Rosary and Devotion: **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Please join us as we honor Mary, Queen of the Apostles!!

*Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ October 1, 2023*





## Holy Apostles Wedding Anniversary Mass

will be Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am Mass. Couples celebrating their: **5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th** and greater in **2023** are invited to give us their names. During the Mass, renewal of vows and a special blessing will be offered. Please fill out the registration form below.

### 2023 Wedding Anniversary Response

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

We are celebrating our \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary

## WINTER COAT DRIVE



### Lightly USED & NEW

THE WEEKEND OF October 28/29, we will conduct a **Winter Coat Drive**. Items donated will be given to families at St. Charles Soup Kitchen and McAuley House.



## CAL Basketball Registration

**2023-2024 HOLY APOSTLES BASKETBALL**

**CATHOLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE (CAL)**

**Boys & Girls Grades/Divisions:**

**Instructional K thru 2nd**

**3rd & 4th Grades**

**5th & 6th Grades**

**7th & 8th Grades**

**9th & 10th Grades**

**INSTRUCTIONAL** - SATURDAY MORNINGS AT HOLY APOSTLES  
NOVEMBER 2023 thru FEBRUARY 2024  
COST IS \$100.00 Per Player

**COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS** - PRACTICE SEPTEMBER thru NOVEMBER 2023  
SEASON DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024  
COST IS \$125.00 Per Player

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OUR TEAMS WILL PLAY IN CAL GAMES, CAL TOURNAMENTS AND LOCAL TOURNAMENTS FOR THEIR SKILL LEVEL

Questions: please call Anthony Vescera at 401-580-0747 or email hacalbball@gmail.com.

**Holy Apostles 2nd Annual**

# Halloween Bash

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Dress Up & Join Us**

**Trunk or Treat Contest**

**Crafts, Activities & Food**

**Contact:**

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**More information to follow.**


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# Christmas Pageant

## The Story of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Dear Parents:

If your child (grades 1-10) is interested in performing in this year's Christmas Pageant please use the QR code to complete the Google form



If unable to complete form please email Jen Fyrer: [jfyrer@gmail.com](mailto:jfyrer@gmail.com)

Additional Information:

- Pageant performance is December 1st
- Rehearsals will be Monday evenings from 5:15-6:15 during the months of October and November
- Parents will provide costumes

Register no later October 13, 2023

## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM PARENT MEETING

There will be a mandatory Parent Meeting on **Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 9:45AM** in the parish center, for all students enrolled in our First Communion Program. The focus of the meeting is to go over the yearlong agenda and the program requirements. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact [meg@holypostles.com](mailto:meg@holypostles.com). A make-up meeting will be scheduled for anyone who is not able to attend.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Apostles of Mercy will be collecting Christmas cards for the ACI Prison Ministry throughout the month of October.



**Please omit cards that contain glitter, plastic ornaments or anything added to the paper.**

## 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
	Sept. 2022	Sept. 2022
	# weeks: 4	# weeks: 4
# Budget Envelopes	789	882
Budget contributions	\$21,960.00	\$25,772.00
Additional loose	\$1,064.96	\$1,502.63
Total budget income	\$23,024.96	\$27,274.63
# Faith Direct donors	375	375
# Faith Direct donations	1,500	1,500
Total Faith Direct income	\$23,810.00	\$24,699.00
Monthly Grand Total	\$46,834.96	\$51,973.63
YTD:	<b>13 Weeks</b>	<b>13 Weeks</b>
# Budget envelopes	2,472	2,596
Budget contributions	\$74,477.00	\$79,612.00
Additional loose	\$3,657.32	\$4,684.18
# Faith Direct donations	4,901	4,875
Faith Direct income	\$77,790.50	\$78,769.50
YTD Grand total	\$155,924.82	\$163,065.68
Average Per Week	\$11,994.21	\$12,543.51



## 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.

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## FOOD COLLECTION

We are collecting food for the needy in the boxes at the entrances of the Church. We can only accept non-perishables.  
Thank you for your assistance with this.

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
- PO2 Matthew Fyrer, US Coast Guard
- AS3 Grace Noonan, US Navy
- ETN2 John Andrew Loiselle, US Navy
- Capt. Benjamin M. Adamo, RI Air National Guard
- 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
- Lt. Col. Thomas W. Manera, Jr., RI Army National Guard
- PFC Jase Deanseris, RI Army National Guard
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andrew Cooney, US Army
- EMN2 Austin J. Collins, US Navy
- Capt. Joseph Palazini, US Army



Saturday	Vigil: 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	September 30
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2:00 PM	<b>Patrick Korianski &amp; Jacqueline Chrones</b> <b>Wedding</b>
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5:00 PM	<b>The Cece &amp; Lombardi Family</b>
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Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	October 1
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8:30 AM	<b>Gerry Peters (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Joe & Ann Simeone
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11:00 AM	<b>Charles Stepinski (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> <b>Doris Stepinski (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Daughter, Susan Choquette
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✚ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of **Marie Terese Lynch** (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) requested by Lynch Family.

✚ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **Jane Mullen** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White.

Monday	Holy Guardian Angels	October 2
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8:30 AM	<b>Bob Lombardi (Anniv./Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family
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Tuesday	Weekday	October 3
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8:30 AM	<b>Edward J. Lonardo</b> Requested by Barbara Smith-White
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Wednesday	St. Francis of Assisi	October 4
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8:30 AM	<b>James Kirch (Birthday Rem.)</b> <b>Margaret Dymek (31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family
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Thursday	Weekday	October 5
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8:30 AM	<b>Anna Machado (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Family
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Friday	Weekday	October 6
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8:30AM	<b>For the People</b>
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Saturday	Vigil: 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	October 7
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5:00 PM	<b>William Pettruti (Birthday Rem.)</b> Requested by Dawn, Tom, Sophia & Olivia Perrotta
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Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	October 8
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8:30 AM	<b>Alberto Soriano (Birthday/Anniversary)</b> Requested by Family
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11:00 AM	<b>Cece &amp; Lombardi Family</b>
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