

## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

This past Wednesday, the Church throughout the world entered into the discipline of Lent through the imposition of ashes upon our foreheads. The time of Lent is a time for true conversion. In the first reading from the Mass of Ash Wednesday, we heard Joel issue a prophet's call for true repentance and says that it may be undertaken with confidence, for the Lord is "slow to anger" and "rich in kindness." The marking with ashes upon our forehead reminds us that this penitential sign calls us to use prayer and self-sacrifice as a means of returning to God.

We need this period of Lent as a holy season in which we reflect on the mystery of God and our relationship to him. We need it to rid ourselves of all the excess baggage we carry on life's journey. We need it to place our worldly and otherworldly cares in the hands of God. We have a continual need to be redeemed, to bring about change in our lives, and to turn to God. The call to penance, fasting and almsgiving is the voice of our Lord, Jesus, reminding us to renew our lives. Whatever disciplines we choose to accomplish this, the important question is: How will this lead me to conversion and to renew my baptismal identity and commitment?

Holy Father, Pope Francis said the following regarding Lent: *"Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning. Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that*

*isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us. Lent is a time of compassion, when, with the Psalmist, we can say: "Restore to us the joy of your salvation, sustain in us a willing spirit", so that by our lives we may declare your praise (cf. Ps 51:12.15), and our dust – by the power of your breath of life – may become a "dust of love."*

I pray that this Lenten Journey will renew your faith and at the end of these forty days, you may feel stronger in your love of God and closer to your neighbor.

With prayers,  
**Fr. Ledoux**



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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the holiday and there will be no morning Mass.

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## **2025 Mass Book**

### **Mass Intentions, Altar Breads and Sanctuary Lamps for 2025**

#### **Change in Mass Intention booking:**

Beginning the 2025 Mass book, one family may only book a maximum of **THREE** weekend Masses for the calendar year. This will give other families a greater opportunity to have their intention Masses on the weekend. Further, we are increasing the daily Mass intentions to **TWO** per Mass to allow so many more intention Masses for the year. We hope with these increases, the opportunity to accommodate more families that want special intention Masses on weekends.

Weekday Masses are \$10

Weekend Masses are \$25

Altar Bread /Sanctuary Lamps are \$20

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## SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE THANK YOU



Teens On A Mission wishes to **THANK** everyone who baked and/or bought goods to support our Superbowl bake sale this past weekend. We raised a record \$2911. Special thanks to all families in Religious Education, grades 1 through 10, for sharing in our fundraiser. Also, we appreciate the effort of our “parish bakers” who made beautiful goods to sell. We appreciate all of you and your willingness to help.



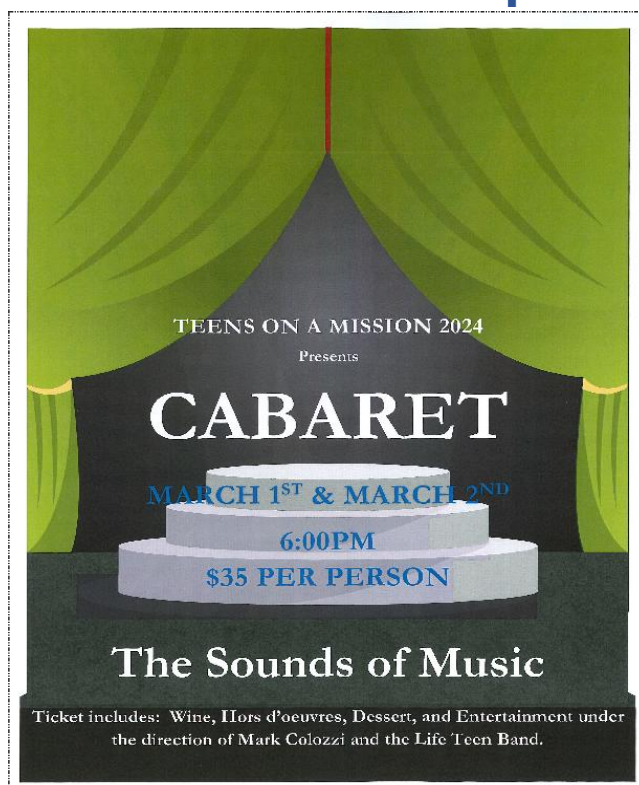
### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

#### Passion Presentation Meeting

Life Teen Room  
Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am

\*Teens interested in participating please attend.

## CABARET 2024



Teens On A Mission is hosting Cabaret: The Sounds of Music, **March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 6:00-8:30pm, here in our Parish Center for \$35 per person. The evening consists of served Hor d'oeuvres, wine, a spectacular show under the direction of Mark Colozzi and the teen band, and delicious desserts. Please buy your tickets early after Mass or stop by the parish office. All proceeds go to support our missionaries planning to go to Blessed Assurance, Jamaica this June. Thanks for your generosity and prayers.

## Save The Date

### Holy Apostles Church

(401) 946-5586 [www.holyapostles.com](http://www.holyapostles.com)

### Golf Tournament

Golf Registration: 11:30AM/Shotgun Start: 1:00PM/Dinner & Raffles: 6:30PM

**Monday, June 3, 2024**

### Alpine Country Club

251 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston, RI 02921



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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.**

## 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.

## Catholic School (Grades K-8)

### Tuition Assistance

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 no later than April 30th. **Please mark your envelope with Tuition Assistance.**

**-Families requesting assistance must follow church law on fulfilling the "Sunday" obligation to attend Mass.** It should also be by way of exception that a family attends Mass in a parish other than Holy Apostles.

**-At least one parent must be involved in a parish program/ministry.**

**-Families must be regular contributors to the parish budget using the weekly envelopes or through Faith Direct.**



## THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month in the Church followed by fellowship and discussion. **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.** Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: [www.rimosj.org](http://www.rimosj.org).

## APOSTLES OF MERCY

*Thank You!*

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

Apostles of Mercy

PARISH  
**LENTEN**  
COLLECTION

WEEKENDS OF:  
February 18 & 25, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

Homeless Kits & Family Size Personal Hygiene Products  
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.

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# Holy Apostles Thousand Club

**\$10,000 in Prizes**



**\*It's not too late to join.** There are still 9 monthly drawings.

- The Club runs for ten months.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 1 @ \$500, 1 @ \$150, 1 @ \$100, 2 @ \$50, and 6 @ \$25
- Each ticket costs \$60.
- Tickets available in the office.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Join us on the following Mondays:**  
**March 4, 11, 18 at 6:30pm**  
as well as **Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00pm**



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: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	February 17
5:00 PM	<b><u>Joe Raposo (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Son	
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent	February 18
8:30 AM	<b><u>Christine Belchior (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> <b><u>Carlos Belchior (Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Leo F. DiMaio Jr. (Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family	
✠ The <b>Altar Bread</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Joyce Sacco (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b> requested by Susan, Donna, Ann Lou and Pat.		
✠ The <b>Sanctuary Candle</b> is offered this week in memory of <b>Paul Filippone Sr. (Birthday Rem.)</b> requested by Wife, Angela and Family.		
Monday	Presidents' Day Holiday	February 19
8:30 AM	<b><u>No Mass</u></b>	
Tuesday	Lenten Weekday	February 20
8:30AM	<b><u>Marie Notarianni (Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Daughter  <b><u>Judith Barile (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Husband & Family	
Wednesday	Lenten Weekday	February 21
8:30 AM	<b><u>Verna Cardente (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by DiMaio Family  <b><u>Amy Holmes Hughes</u></b> Requested by Kathy & Tom Rossi	
Thursday	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	February 22
8:30 AM	<b><u>Domenic Ferri (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Wife & Family  <b><u>Evelyn Russo</u></b> Requested by Family	
Friday	Lenten Weekday	February 23
8:30AM	<b><u>For the People</u></b> <b><u>Special Intention for Mikel Gjergji and Family</u></b>	
Saturday	Vigil: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	February 24
5:00 PM	<b><u>Desiree M. Marcello (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family	
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent	February 25
8:30 AM	<b><u>Eileen Pellegrino (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Mia Catherine Hanley (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family	

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