

HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE	Saturday Vigil	Sunday	Weekday
	5:00 PM	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM	See Inside Bulletin

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday-----9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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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 Monsignor at least six months 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 pm to 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call to receive this Sacrament of comfort and healing.

Communion Calls: Communion can be brought to the homebound on Sundays following the 9:30 AM Mass. Please call the parish office to request a visit.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



FROM THE PASTOR...

Our Advent time of waiting is almost complete..."*For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord!*" (Luke 2:11). Our God takes flesh and is born into the world to demonstrate his great love for us. Certainly there has never been any greater Christmas gift than the gift of God's presence in our midst...a presence that can provide us with mercy, love, strength and hope if we simply open our minds and hearts and invite the Lord to dwell within us. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ, we have a great opportunity to reflect on our own lives and renew our commitment to the Lord. Christmas reminds us that God is always faithful to his people and so we have every reason to be faithful to Him!

The Feast of Christmas is so great that the Church celebrates not only for a day but for two weeks...until we meet the three kings on the Feast of the Epiphany. Among other things, Christmas is a time of friendly greetings, generous giving, and family celebration. We should all do our best not only to demonstrate this "good cheer" on Christmas day, but extend it throughout the season and perhaps even throughout the New Year. Likewise, just as we promoted a prayerful spirit for the days of Advent, we should continue to be spiritually reflective in the days ahead.

Along with Msgr. Kenney, Deacon Albanese and the entire Parish Staff, I pray that you and your family will truly experience the Lord's peace and love this Christmas and that the New Year will bring many blessings.

Msgr. Theroux



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on December 24th through December 26th in observance of the holiday.

11 Years/ 1210 Winners! Our Twelfth Annual Holy Apostles Thousand Club!

**\$10,000 in Prizes
with an extra \$300.00
Early Bird Drawing!!!!**



This could be a great Christmas gift.

- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 1@ \$500, 1 @ \$150, 1 @ \$100, 2 @ \$50, and 6 @ \$25
- This makes 11 chances to win each month and a total of 110 chances to win for the duration of the club!
- Each ticket costs \$60.
- **The \$300.00 Early Bird Drawing will be January 2, 2019 for all those paid in full by January 1st.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Our policy for weekday Mass is if school is cancelled or delayed in Cranston due to snow or ice, there will be no morning Mass. If there is an intention for the Mass, it will be rescheduled.



Regarding the **cancellation of religious education**, our policy remains the same. We adhere to the decision of the Cranston School Department. However, if snow begins later in the day, we make every effort to contact teachers and schools with a cancellation notice. Also, the cancellation will be posted on the local TV websites as well as our own parish website.

TRAVELING?

Check out ~ www.massimes.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 23, 2018

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS

Please call the parish office to schedule your child's First Penance. The dates are either:

Saturday, January 12
from 9:00am to 10:00am

Monday, January 14
from 5:00pm to 6:00pm



Ski Trip for Youth and Adults

When: January 21st to Mt. Stratton

- **Contact Richard Reilly @ 787-3852 or email richardwreilly69@gmail.com for more information.**

FORMED

Our parish subscribed to **Formed**, an online site that provides an amazing selection of Catholic movies, videos, audio presentations, books and seminars. It is accessible by computer, tablet or smartphone anytime, anywhere. Simply go to www.Formed.org and enter our parish code, **726P2D** on the homepage. You will then be able to open a personal account with your email and password.



The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month, beginning with mass in the chapel followed by fellowship and discussion. **Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 5th at 8:00am.** Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the R.I. Men of St. Joseph website at: www.rimosj.org.

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.**

APOSTLES OF MERCY

Thank you!

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

ON LINE 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 4th or 15th 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 or call 1-866-507-8757. Holy Apostles parish code is RI18.

2020 Mass Intentions

Altar Breads & Sanctuary Lamps

- A family may schedule a Mass Intention or request the Altar Bread or Sanctuary Lamps at only one of the following Feast Days/Holidays: (Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day).
- After February 1st, if all of the Intentions for the above Feast Days/Holidays have not been requested, families who requested one date may request others if they are available.

Weekday Masses are \$10 –

Weekend Masses are \$25

Altar Bread /Sanctuary Lamps are \$20

Holy Apostles Blood Drive



We will have a **blood drive** on Sunday, **January 13th** from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the parish center.

Why Give Blood? Every day patients in Rhode Island and Southern New England need blood transfusions to recover from illness and injury. Our goal is to collect about 280 pints daily to meet these patient needs. We hope you will join us by giving the Gift of Life – a blood donation.

Questions: Please contact the Blood Center at 453-8307 or visit their website at www.ribc.org.



Please pray for those serving our country

- SMSgt Kevin Sarli, RI Air National Guard
- Sgt Joshua Anderson, US Marine
- Robert M. Braga
- LC Evan Koppel, US Marine
- Airman 1st Class Gabrielle Koppel, US Air Force
- HM3 Yosman Rodriguez, US Navy
- Senior Airman Benjamin Fredette, US Air Force
- Specialist Jeremiah Fredette, US Army
- FN Matthew Fyrer, US Coast Guard
- ETN2 John Andrew Loiselle, US Navy
- Col. R. Michael Tetreault, RI Army National Guard
- MSgt Nicolas Brown, RI Air National Guard
- 2nd Lt. Benjamin M. Adamo, RI Air National Guard
- 2nd Lt. Trevor Kenahan, US Marine Corp.
- 1st Lt. Dylan T. Farley, US Army
- A1C Michael J. Cuddemi, US Air Force
- SSG Mark O'Brien, US Army
- Pvt Thomas Napolitano, 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 and we will remember them in our prayers and print in our parish bulletin once a month.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24

- **4:00 PM – In the Parish Center:**
NO Religious Education Classes - Grades 1-5
- **5:30 PM – In the Parish Center:**
NO Religious Education Classes - Grades 6-8
- **7:00 PM – In the Gym:**
NO Mens Basketball

Tuesday, December 25

- **4:00 PM – In the Parish Center:**
NO Religious Education Classes - Grades 1-5
- **5:30 PM – In the Parish Center:**
NO Religious Education Classes - Grades 6-8

Please support the businesses
who advertise in our weekly bulletin.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the "Annual Respect Life Mass" on **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at the **Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul**. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant at the **9:00am** Mass. For more information, directions and to register please contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

"2019 March for Life": The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The cost for the overnight ride is **\$88.00 per person** (includes bus fare/metro tickets) and will leave Rhode Island on **January 17** and return on January 19. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. The deadline to register is January 11. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

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

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	<i>Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	December 22
5:00 PM	Imperia & Albert Rapa David Bennett Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	December 23
8:00 AM	Bogumil Kula (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
9:30 AM	Thomas Armstrong Requested by The Armstrong Family	
11:00 AM	Robert Bessette (6th Anniversary) Requested by Family	

ALTAR BREAD & SANCTUARY LAMP



The Altar Bread is offered in memory of:
Thomasina Primavera (6th Anniversary)
Requested by Daughter, Lyn



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church is offered in memory of:
Ronald A. Russell II
Requested by Loving Mom & Family



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel is offered in memory of:
Bill Purinton (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by Jim, Lee Ann, Ryan & Patrick McAssey



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	<i>Vigil: Nativity of the Lord</i>	December 24
4:00 PM	Carmine & Maria BelMonte Fred & Mary Torrice Sr. Requested by Fred & Joyce Torrice	
5:30 PM	Matthew Michael Vieira (Birthday/21st Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 PM	Deceased members of the Rego & Marocco Families Requested by Roberta & Joseph Marocco	
Tuesday	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	December 25
9:30 AM	Members of the Holy Apostles Memorial Society	
11:00 AM	William Purinton (2nd Anniversary) Requested by Jim, Lee Ann, Ryan & Patrick McAssey	
Thursday	<i>St. John, Apostles & Evangelist</i>	December 27
8:30 AM	Gary Gearheart Requested by Wife & Family	
Friday	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	December 28
8:30 AM	Mildred Tamberino (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Richard & Nancy	
Saturday	<i>Vigil: Holy Family</i>	December 29
5:00 PM	Josephine Grande (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Sunday	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	December 30
8:00 AM	John Voccola Requested by Ralph & Barbara Papitto	
9:30 AM	Stephen Spaziano Requested by Wife & Daughters	
11:00 AM	Lola Mastrodicasa (22nd Anniversary) Requested by Joe, Linda & Joey	
1:00 PM	Derek Iorfida & Stephanie Lukasiewicz Wedding	

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

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WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

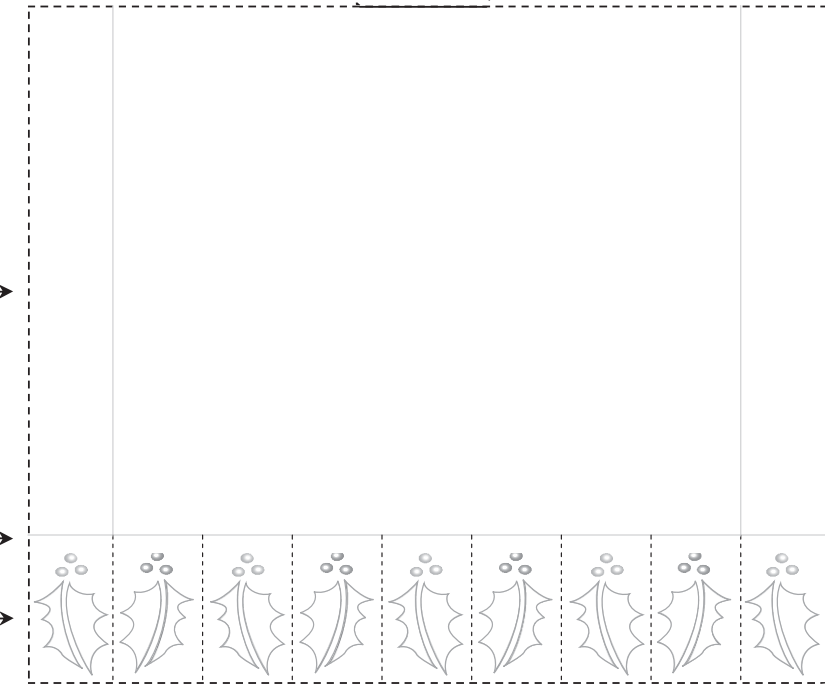


ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PURPLE →

FOLD →

COLOR GREEN →



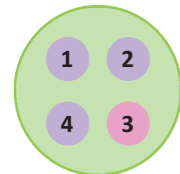
← OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE



*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*

CUT BASE ↑

WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



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