

# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 PM

**Sunday**  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**Weekday**  
See Inside Bulletin

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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 at 4:15 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.

# First Sunday of Advent

## December 3, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark13:33-37(2)

### Mass Intentions, Altar Breads and Sanctuary Lamps for 2019

1. 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). The 2019 Mass Book opened on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. A maximum of three family names may be used for any given intention.
2. After February 1<sup>st</sup>, if all of the Intentions for the above Feast Days/Holidays, including the Altar Bread and Sanctuary Lamps, have not been requested, families who requested one date may request others if they are available.
3. Requests for 2019 are being accepted beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup> in person or by phone.

Weekday Masses are \$10 - Weekend Masses are \$25  
Altar Bread /Sanctuary Lamps are \$20



### An Annual Project to Benefit St. Charles Parish

**Our annual Advent Sharing Tree tags have all been taken!  
Please purchase the suggested gift, wrap it and attach the tag to the outside.  
Gifts should be returned next weekend, December 9/10.**

**\*Please make every effort to have your gifts back in time so that each child from St. Charles Church will receive a Christmas gift.**



### TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

*Join us on **Thursday, December 14**, at 6:30 PM for an Advent service in the style of the Taize religious community. The service includes readings from Scripture, communal and silent prayer, and songs composed by the Taize brothers. Come experience the gift of Jesus' peace and love. You will never forget it!*

### ***CHRISTMAS CONCERT***



Holy Apostles Parish will offer its annual gift to the community on Tuesday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The Christmas concert will consist of our Teen choir, under the direction of Mark Colozzi and our Adult choir under the direction of Cecelia Rodi as well as Arthur Urbano and Tony Grelle. John Norigian will be at the organ. Please come and enjoy a concert filled with uplifting and spiritual music to prepare you for this special time of year.



**Abraham Our Father in Faith:  
Jewish-Catholic Adult Ed Series**

**Catholics and Jews alike honor Abraham, the nomad called by God who was the first to enter into a covenant relationship with Him. Abraham has been seen as a model of faith and hospitality, an iconoclast, and the father of the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim religions. Join Dr. Arthur Urbano and Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser and friends from Temple Sinai in Cranston for an adult ed series on what Abraham means to Jews and Christians. We will meet at Temple Sinai (30 Hagen Ave.) on Dec 6. All sessions begin at 7:00pm. For information - please contact Arthur: [aurbano@providence.edu](mailto:aurbano@providence.edu).**

**Bishop Tobin's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Sunday, December 17, 1:00 PM  
Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

The Bishop has invited clergy and lay faithful to attend this celebration. If you would like to represent the parish, please call the parish office and we will submit your name for reserved seating.

**Senior Youth Group Christmas  
Service Project 2017**



The goal of the service project is to provide 2 families, with special needs, gifts for Christmas.

Reminder ~

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm, we will shop for the gifts for the families, wrap the gifts and arrange delivery and then have a luncheon.

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOLY APOSTLES**



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.

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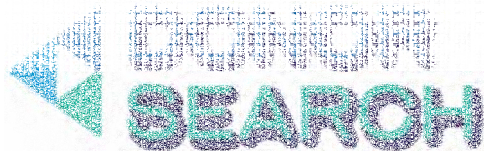
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**APOSTLES OF MERCY**

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



**Kidney Donor Needed**

One of our parishioners, a mother with two daughters, who has been diagnosed with End Stage Kidney Disease is in DESPERATE need of a kidney as soon as possible. If you can help, please call the parish office at 946-5586.

**CONFIRMATION II  
STUDENTS**



We are pleased to announce that Bishop Tobin will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

Gym Nights  
First Sunday of Each Month  
5:00pm - 7:00pm



*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@holypapostles.com](mailto:cad@holypapostles.com) and we will remember them in our prayers and print in our parish bulletin once a month.*

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Friday, December 8  
Masses at 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM**

**HOLIDAY FLOWERS & DECORATIONS**

Our Annual Christmas Flowers and Decorations donation envelope will be included in next week's bulletin. Your donation to help offset our Christmas Flowers and Decoration expenses may be made in the name of a deceased loved one or in your own name. A special memorial Mass for the intentions of those deceased in whose name donations were made, will be said on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.



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 Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00PM.** 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](http://www.rimosj.org).



**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00 PM – In the Parish Center:  
Religious Education Classes - Grades 1-5
- 5:30 PM – In the Parish Center:  
Religious Education Classes - Grades 6 - 8
- 7:30 PM – In the Gym:  
Men's Basketball

**TUESDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00 PM – In the Parish Center:  
Religious Education Classes - Grades 1-5
- 5:30 PM – In the Parish Center:  
Religious Education Classes - Grades 6 - 8

**THURSDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

- – In Church  
Adult Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:30 PM – In Parish Center:  
Girl Scouts

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**800-710-WWME  
[www.WWEMA.org](http://www.WWEMA.org)**

**When was the last time you did something special as a couple alone together?**

Most couples are busy with work and family. It seems every moment of the day is planned and there's never enough time to get everything done. When was the last time you had a weekend alone together? Consider planning a weekend away, just the two of you, to renew your marriage relationship.

Join us at the upcoming  
Marriage Encounter Weekend  
January 12-14, 2018

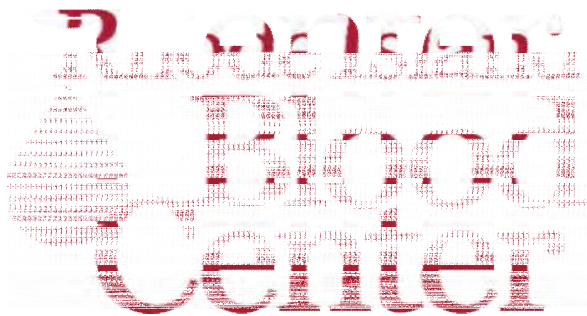
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**Early Bird Drawing!!!!**



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, 2018 for all those paid in full by January 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Holy Apostles Blood Drive**



We will have a blood drive on Sunday, January 7th 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Day	Event	Date
Saturday	Vigil: First Sunday of Advent	December 2
2:30 PM	Robert Masse & Jamie DeVecchio Wedding	
5:00PM	<u>William &amp; Stella Rekrut</u> Requested by Family	
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent	December 3
8:00 AM	<u>Sr. Mary Frances Polwoniak</u> <u>Martha &amp; Francis Rusek</u> Requested by Hank & Judy Deion	
9:30 AM	<u>Barbara Venticinqu</u> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<u>David Bennett</u> (Anniversary) Requested by Parents	
<p>✠ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Anthony J. Reale (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) requested by Beth and Adam Reale.</p>		
Monday	St. John Damascene	December 4
8:30 AM	<u>Sylvia Mattera</u> Requested by Anthony & Donna DiIorio	
Tuesday	Advent Weekday	December 5
8:30 AM	<u>Mass for the People</u>	
Thursday	St. Ambrose	December 7
8:30 AM	<u>Open</u>	
Friday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	December 8
8:30 AM	<u>Open</u>	
7:00 PM	<u>Lynne &amp; Mardy Lyons</u> By Armstrong Family	
Saturday	Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent	December 9
5:00 PM	<u>Anthony Chrones</u> By The McInnis Family	
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent	December 10
8:00 AM	<u>Helen &amp; Walter Legenza</u> (Birthday Rem.) By Family	
9:30 AM	<u>John and Natalie Crispino</u> By Beloved Children	
11:00 AM	<u>Lola Mastrodicasa</u> (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) By Joe, Linda and Joey	

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

### BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!

Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

### BLESS THIS WREATH

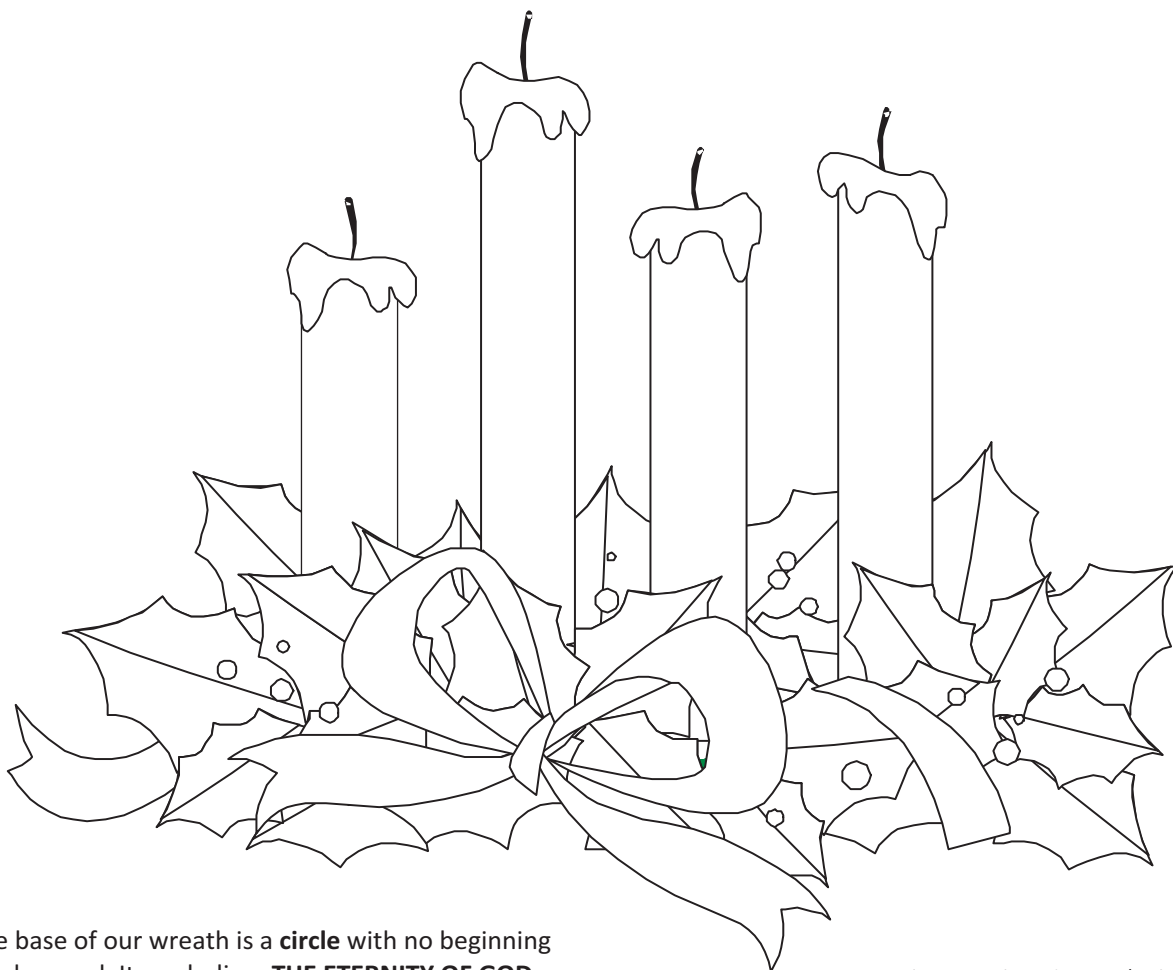
Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household


“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”. Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.



The base of our wreath is a **circle** with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD**.

We decorate the base with **EVERGREENS** which represent **CONTINUOUS LIFE**.

Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.  
Draw a flame on 1 purple candle and color the holly leaves green.

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