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9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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## MASSES:

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm

**Sundays:** 7:30 am, 10:00 am (*Eng*)  
11:30 am (*Pol*)

**Holydays:** 7:00 am & 6:30 pm,  
8:00 pm (*Polish*)

**Weekdays (including Sat.):** 8:30 am  
Rosary Mon.-Sat 8:00 am

**CONFESSION:** Saturday,  
4:00 - 4:50 pm (*before the 5:00 pm  
Mass*) and before the 8:30 am Mass  
(*by appointment only*).

**BAPTISMS:** Class and  
arrangements must be made by  
contacting the Rectory. If you are  
a newly registered family you are  
required to be attending Mass for  
at least three months and using  
offering envelopes.

**MARRIAGES:** Requirements...  
Marriage preparation classes and  
Confirmation (*if you are Catholic*).  
Arrangements are to be made at  
least six months in advance. At  
least three meetings with the priest  
are required.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes are held for Parish registered  
members only on Sunday mornings  
from mid September to May. Children  
seeking their Sacraments must attend  
all 8 years of a Religious Education  
Program. Call 908-637-4269.

## O.C.I.A. (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Interested in becoming Catholic?  
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Confirmation? Eucharist? 908-637-  
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## VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at  
home or in the hospital, please call  
the church office, 908-637-4269.

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you  
are in need please call the Parish  
Office at 908-637-4269. All calls kept  
confidential.

## POLISH ROSARY SOCIETY:

Meets every first Friday of each month  
at 7:00 pm. New members are always  
welcome!

## YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all 8th through 12th graders.  
Join our youth group, bring your  
friends. Call Brian at 908-246-2843 for  
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## Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church:

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celebrate the Holy Mass with us. We  
thank God you are here.

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☐ New Parishioner/Family

☐ Change of Address or Phone

☐ Moving, please remove

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family should be properly registered. New parishioners should register at the Parish Office. Children 18 and over should be registered as adults. Envelopes are the only means we have to verify parishioners attendance at Mass. Please use your envelope regardless of the amount you are able to include. Without verification of Mass attendance we cannot issue sponsor certification for Baptism, Confirmation, or any character references, etc. Please notify the Parish Office of any address change as soon as possible.

## **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 3/4, 2026**

### **SAT – Jan 3 (Most Holy Name of Jesus)**

5:00p +Russell Lavan req Brendan & Cathy  
O'Bryne & Family

### **SUN – Jan 4 (Epiphany of the Lord)**

7:30a +Stephen P. Jaworski, Sr. req son Allan &  
Dorothy Jaworski  
10a +Thomas Penner req Ed & AnneMarie Tracy  
11:30a Pol: +Stefania Stelmaszczyk od rodziny  
Szmigielski

### **MON – Jan 5 (St. John Neumann)**

8:30a +Ray DelSantro req Walt & Trish Horzepa

### **TUES – Jan 6 (St. Andre Bessette)**

8:30a +Jim Mooney req Walt & Trish Horzepa

### **WED – Jan 7 (St. Raymond of Penyafort)**

8:30a +-Names on the Christmas Rem Envs

### **THUR – Jan 8**

8:30a +Czeslawa Pilch req Barbara & Jack Reed

### **FRI – Jan 9**

8:30a -God's blessings for Barbara Reed req  
Morning Prayer Group

### **SAT – Jan 10**

8:30a +Genevieve Godlewsky req Regina Judge

5:00p +Rudy Pasko req his family

### **SUN – Jan 11 (Baptism of the Lord)**

7:30a +Joseph Valentino  
10a +Sean Patrick Welch req Beth Wingle  
11:30a Pol: +Stefan Buczek od rodziny

**Altar Flowers** – donated by our parishioners

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week for the souls of  
Nancy & Thomas Penner req their family

**Sanctuary Lamp** – is available

**Divine Mercy Candle** – is available

**Family Christmas Candles sponsored by** -  
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Zubel/Buczek, Szewczyk, Leavy, Tyma, Balint,  
Cuiffo/Vincenti/Tully, Francis families

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please help yourselves to one box of offering  
envelopes per family for  
next year, 2026.  
Remember, if you wish  
us to keep track of your  
donations for tax  
purposes, please put your  
name and amount on each envelope. The free  
address labels are an easy and fast way to address  
your envelope. This also helps in receiving sponsor  
certificates.



### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2025**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3481                      2nd week - \$2141  
3rd week - \$3422                      4th week - \$

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul  
Church. We invite you to join our  
parish and consider sharing your  
time, talent, and treasures with us.  
Please pick up a Family  
Registration Form found in the

basket near our bulletins. Fill it out and drop it into  
the collection basket, or put it into the secretary  
mailbox found near the large bulletin board or hand  
it to our priest. Need anything, contact 908-637-  
4269.



### **YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING**

AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR YEAR-END TAX PLANNING, WE  
HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER MAKING GOOD USE OF  
THE INCOME TAX CHARITABLE DEDUCTION AND  
REMEMBER OUR CHURCH. ALL MONIES ARE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED AND WILL BE WELL SPENT WITH THE  
GOOD OF THE ENTIRE PARISH IN MIND.

### **FOOD CARD PROGRAM**

It really helps!!! Please remember  
to purchase your food cards for  
Shop Rite as you leave Mass  
today. For every \$1,000 in food  
cards we sell the church receives  
back \$50. You use them as you would a debit card in  
that the balance decreases as you use them. The  
remaining balance on your card will show up at the  
bottom of your shopping receipt. Thanks for all your  
support and thank you to our volunteers who stay to  
help sell them.



### **Don't stop celebrating: After Christmas Day**

The secular world “prepares” for Christmas with months of garish decoration, holiday treats, and spending sprees, but when December 26 rolls around, the world already feels that Christmas is “over.” At most it will allow itself a day or two of recuperation from excess jollity and then get back to work. In a best-case scenario, decorations might stay up till January 1st or a bit later, for “ringing in the new year.” After that, the season of celebration is over. Catholics ought to have a totally different conception of Christmas. Before Christmas, we observe the penitential season of Advent, preparing for the great feast without too much overt joy. Traditionally, families would decorate the Christmas tree together before the great day of Christmas. Families would attend Christmas Mass together. It is very important for us not to surrender to the secular approach that, in a way, celebrates Christmas before Christmas and not afterward. We should really make an effort — in the way our homes are decorated, the way we observe Sundays and holy days, the stories we read and the other activities we do in the house — to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, even if at a “low burn,” especially throughout the period from December 26th to February 2nd. *Yes, this great feast is that big of a deal!* Such observance also becomes a countercultural catechesis in one of the central mysteries of the Christian faith: the Incarnation of the Son of God. This is the pivot point of all human history and of the story of each man, woman, and child.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027 TUITION ASSISTANCE**

#### **ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than **March 31**. **A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.**

Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**  
**Experience the Christmas Festival of Lights at the Blue Army Shrine from dusk until 9pm everyday between Dec 12th -Jan 11th. Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ.**

### **GENTLE REMINDER...**

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass; readying the church for others. Please replace all misselettes and song books and take the bulletin with you so we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Rosary and Mass for the protection of the Unborn, Thursday, January 22, 2026**

### **WHAT A BLESSING!**

Thank you to all who made Advent and Christmas so special this year. I would like to thank all our parishioners who give so generously all year long to maintain our parish. I would like to thank the special work of the following groups: Altar Servers, Eucharist Ministers, lectors, ushers/greeters, Music Ministry, money counters, church cleaners, decorating teams, altar cloth team, altar flower ministry, landscaping team, Baptism class instructor, RCIA team, Rel Ed Program, Pro-Life Group, Polish Altar Rosary Society, Outreach Pgm, Food Card sellers, Rosary Making Group and the many Walking Pilgrimage volunteers. Once again, our decorating teams did a splendid job decorating our church for Christmas. Our parish is truly blessed. Thank you for all your hard work. May God bless you all. With God's blessings and a wish for a healthy and Happy New Year -- Fr. Greg.

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*“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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### **PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Gerardo Patane, John Schleckmann, Isabel Pereiras, Magaret Sypniewski, Beth Courter

**Deceased:** Annette Munley, Joan Critchley, Tom Ward, Agnes Martinez, Genevieve Godlewsky



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