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Office Hours
Monday - Friday,
9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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MASSSES:

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.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in adult
religious education or becoming
Catholic. Call Marilyn Gorski at
908-459-4483.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

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

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 5:00 pm in the
Chapel. New members are always
welcome!

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

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: New
members are always welcome! We meet
every third Wednesday of the month at
7:00 pm. Call Walt at 908-459-5861.

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
more information.

E-mail

stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

Religious Education E-mail

peterpaulreled@comcast.net

Website

www.peterpaulgm.com

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www.walkingpilgrimage.us

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 4/5, 2025

SAT – Jan 4 (St. Eliabeth Ann Seton)

5:00p +JP McChesney req McKenna Family

SUN – Jan 5 (Epiphany of the Lord)

7:30a +Bob Crawford req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Juan Pablo Febres req Cheryl Barton

11:30a Pol: +Zofia & Peter Koc od rodziny
Szmigielski

MON – Jan 6 (St. Andre Bessette)

8:30a +John O'Neil req Jenn & Chris Mulhall

TUES – Jan 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort)

8:30a +Richard Smiecinski req KofC Joyce Kilmer
Council

WED – Jan 8

8:30a +Jan & Genowefa Zielenski req daughter

THUR – Jan 9

8:30a +Maria Boyd req Scott A. Anderson

FRI – Jan 10

8:30a +David Owen req his family

SAT – Jan 11

8:30a +Zofia Ringwelski req Polish Rosary Group

5:00p +John O'Neill req Lauro Family

SUN – Jan 12 (Baptism of the Lord)

7:30a +Diana Vernacchia

10a +Ellen Cavaliere req grandsons Michael &
Sebastian Cavaliere

11:30a Pol: +Jan & Janina Gzella od rodziny Gzella

Altar Flowers – donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine - is donated this week in memory of
Nancy Penner req her family

Sanctuary Lamp - is lit this week for the souls of the
Kuczek & Pacholarz & Knap & Bucior families

Divine Mercy Candle - is lit this week in memory of
Maria & Jozef Potoczak

Family Christmas Candles sponsored by: Koonz,
Swider-Godlewsky, Horzepa, Crawford, Gac, Pilny,
Talajczyk-Saulewicz, Borzecki, De la Rama, Gaynor,
Kaczynski, Szmigielski, Buga, Lubecki, Gubernat,
Schleckmann, Bober, Perez-Muniz, Winkelman,
Wyss, Yturbe, Gzella, Turbek-Smith, Murphy, Jacek-
Kutacz, Stasi, Bengyak, Reed, Greco-Reed, Wyss-
Baldwin, Hurley, Hancock, Mania, Chretien, Szewc,
Ruetsch, Szewczyk, Marchioni, Szmigiel, Baran,
Spiewak, Orlik, Jaworski, R. Willis, Winter, Penner,
Granata, Bielecki, Kaczmarzski, G. Hader families

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2024

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3047 2nd week - \$4227

3rd week - \$3536 4th week - \$

Christmas - \$10,680

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Experience the Christmas Festival of Lights
at the Blue Army Shrine from dusk until 9pm
everyday between Dec 13th -Jan 5th. Blue
Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. E.,
Asbury, NJ.

What: Visit to St. Andrew's College Seminary
for Evening Prayer, Dinner, and a tour with their
seminarians.

When: Friday, January 17th (5-8pm), everyone is
instructed to meet directly at the seminary at 5pm

Where: St. Andrew's Hall- 571 Centre St, South
Orange, NJ 07079

Who: Young men 14-18 yrs old

RSVP by January 5th: Email Fr. Tom Lanza the
names of attendee's, parents, priests, or youth
ministers...TLanza@diometuchen.org

Since all of the men invited are High School age;
parents, priests, or youth ministers are invited to
drive/car pool to help those interested attend.

GIVING TREE

What a great array of presents for all
of our Giving Tree Families. WOW!!
Thank you very much. We helped 25
families this year with presents, a bag
of food, and a turkey or ham. May
God bless all our parishioners. Oh
yeah, we got a ton of gifts for Forest Manor. Again,
thanks so much and God bless.



Bereavement Facilitator Training Course 2025

Registration for the Bereavement Facilitator Training Course is now open. This six-session course will be held Wednesday evenings from 7 pm-9 pm on Zoom/Teams starting February 12- March 26, 2025 (No class on March 5, Ash Wednesday). This program is designed for individuals who want to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or who wish to start a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. It can also benefit anyone who ministers to the bereaved in parishes in different capacities. For more information or to register visit:

<https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition>

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2025. 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 helps in receiving sponsor certificates.



Mission of The Family

Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the “**Mission of The Family**”. The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find “**The Mission of The Family**” videos: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length. You can also find the original “**Into The Breach**” video series by rolling down on this webpage and under **CATEGORIES** click on “**Into The Breach**”. This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith."

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.

SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

Stop after Mass or come to the office during the week to purchase your Shop Rite gift cards. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards sold. Last fiscal year we made \$3,505 from the use of the cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and to all who use them to shop.



2025 Marriage Preparation

Dates and the Couples Guide are now on the diocesan website. All information may be found on the Office of Family Life's webpages:

The 2025 Couples Guide for Marriage Preparation may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/marriage-preparation

The 2025 Pre-Cana Session may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/pre-cana-sessions

The 2025 Virtual God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/gods-plan-for-marriage-session

The 2025 Engaged Encounter Weekend may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/engaged-encounter-weekend

The 2025 Natural Family Planning Courses may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/natural-family-planning

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Robert Steeples, Genevieve Godlewsky, Irena Mika, Brian Gorski, Mickey Tudor, Florence Dzurek

Deceased: Rudy Pasko, James Stryker, Msg. Edward Puleo, Ed Pasko, Jr, Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere

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