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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  
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### E-mail

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www.peterpaulgm.com

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## 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 6/7, 2024

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

5:00p +John A. Balazinski, Jr. req Jaworski Family

### **SUN – Jan 7 (Epiphany of the Lord)**

7:30a +Jim Meringer and the comfort of the Gorski Family req Mark & Diane Francis

10a +Lucy Young and the comfort of the Young Family req Mark & Diane Francis

11:30a Pol -O laskę zdrowia dla Mariana Gzelli od dzieci pierwszokwomunijnych z polskiej szkoły

### **MON – Jan 8 (Baptism of the Lord)**

10:00a +-All names from the Christmas Rem Envs

### **TUES – Jan 9**

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

### **WED – Jan 10**

8:30a -For the health of Marian Gzella req Polish 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion class

### **THUR – Jan 11**

8:30a +Jim Meringer req Miller Family

### **FRI – Jan 12**

8:30a +Diana Vernacchia

### **SAT – Jan 13 (St. Hilary)**

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Regina Judge

5:00p +Luke Stroud req Pat & Norm Willis

### **SUN – Jan 14**

7:30a +Edward Sosnovik req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Rose Guiga req Vince Setteneri & Beth Wingle

11:30a Pol +Jan & Janina Gzella

**Altar Flowers** – are donated by our parishioners

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

**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit this week in memory of Wladyslaw Kuczek req his children & grandchildren

**Divine Mercy Candle** is lit this week thanking God for the gift of life of my granddaughter Juliany and His blessings on her birthday

**Family Christmas Candles** sponsored by:McKenna, McArdle, Medore, Hourihan, Gaynor, Koonz, Maza, Thurgood, Swider, Horzepa, Crawford, Granata, Gac, Pilny, Bielecki, Grudzinski, Gunther, O’Neill, Zubel, Szurnicki, Talajczyk, Borzecki, Mysona, Dziewierz, Kaczmarek, Szmigielski, Buga, Lubecki, Grzybczyk, Szczeblewski, Lukijaniuk, Gzella, Pawlikowska, Grzybczyk, Turbek, Jacek, Wheeler, anonymous, Reed, Greco, Leta, Saulewicz, Hancock, V. Dait, O. Dait, Smith, Wyss, Yturbe, Ronoski, Crawford, Baldwin, R. Willis families

### **2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Boxed 2024 Offering Envelopes are now available in the back of our church. We ask that you take 1 box per family. Please write your last name and an amount on the envelopes if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes. Using offering envelopes also helps us when it comes time to issue sponsor certificates for a Baptism or for Confirmation.



### **Christmas Festival of Lights**

At the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ from Dec 17<sup>th</sup> -Jan 7<sup>th</sup> from dusk until 9pm.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – January 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> week - \$

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$

### **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.

### **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.

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you are interested in having your house blessed for the New Year, please find a small form in the back of church. Fill it out and drop it into the collection basket. The rectory office will then contact you.

**The following names were taken from the Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes and will be remembered at Masses throughout the Christmas season through January:**

**LIVING:** Bill & Marek & Alina & Marysia Hancock, Harry & Eva Runyon, John Wyss, Linda & Donald Marciano, Nancy & Jerry O'Donnell, Rose & Walter Skarbek, Sue and Richard Drown and Marianne DeFronzo

**DECEASED:** Greco & Leta & Reed families, Jozef & Maria Mania, deceased members of the Ziobro & Schleckmann & Stachowicz & Zamorski & Pasalk families, Richard Skow, George & Agnes Zukoski, Phil & Charlotte & Zygmunt & Mary Gramberg, Maryan Ramsden, Ann Picardo, Jose Luis Villa, Patricia Iadone, Irene Wyss, David L. & Florfence Ronoski, Nancy Penner, Carmine & Connie Romano, Norman & Eleanor Willis, MaryAnn Boatman, Jan Grab, Adam Talajczyk, Wieslaw Saulewicz, Franciszek Kusiak, Maria & Milan Dait, Norbert Kucharek, Stas Matt, M/M Kavczmav, Za wszystkie dusze w czysccu cierpiace a zwtaszcza za te zapomniane przez wszystkich na ziemi, Emilia & Zdzislaw Lubecki, Wladyslaw Bakaj, Janina & Jan Gzella, Elzbieta & Polikarp Grzybczyk, Czeslawa Florian Gawel, Helen & George & David Francis, Lorenzo & Anne Chieppa, Grzegorz Gubernat, Ela Baran, Gorgina Sontay, Luke & Warren & Pauline Stroud, Stewart & Frances Hoffman, Russell & Pat DeSantis, Sarah Jeanette, Robert T. Willis, John & Rose & Leggio, Joseph & Gertrude & Ralph D'Angelo, Frank Marrone, Alan Milliken, Harlan Medford, Maria Dampier, Theresa Boylan, Nancy & Joseph & Dorothy & Michael & Joseph C. Penner, Michael McKenna, Doreen Whitmore, Maria Lukaszewicz, Genowefa & Jozef Kazmierczak, deceased members of the Kowalski, Wysowaty, Rinko, Gordish, Dziadak, & DeParis families, Alex & Joanne Scaff, Jack & Joan Tibak, Andrew Payti, Thaddeus & Joan Wheeler, Ignatz & Jean Dubeil, Roe & James Watt, John & Barbara Cuthbert, Carol Sadowski, Anthony Marciano, Steven Marciano, Dr. Alyce & Robert Hunter, Janet Milita, Gloria & Addison Bradford, Isabella Todaro, Martha Propsner, Julie Devine, Frank Fenimore, Frank & Mary Mazzella, Carol Kemp, Donna Marie Tapp, Patricia Steiner, Frank Gomez, Jr., Victor Vilela, Susan Seger, Rev. Neil Davin, and Rev. Thomas Perunilam

**Christmas Flower offerings were offered by the following families and in memory of the following people:**

**LIVING:** Madeline Francis, Szczeblewski Family, Jaworski Family, Linda & Donald Marciano, Nancy & Jerry O'Donnell, Rose & Walter Skarbek, Sue and Richard

Drown and Marianne DeFronzo, Hancock Family, Tomczuk Family, Buga Family, Polish Rosary Society, members of the Szmigielski family, Mlynarczyk Family, Theresa VanHam, Seabeck Family, Krzyzanowski Family

**DECEASED:** Reanna & Vic Medore, M/M James McArdle, M/M Felix Medore, Greco & Leta & Reed families, Florence & Frank Greco, Sharon Stryker, Irene Wyss, Ann Picardo, Jan Lubas, deceased members of the Ziobro & Schleckmann & Stachowicz & Zamorski families, Jozef & Maria Mania, Nancy Penner, Jan Lubas, Jan & Genowefa Zielinski, Marie & John Choppy, James & Dolores Geswelli, Domenica & Eugene DeSantis, Nancy & Joseph & Dorothy & Michael Penner, deceased members of Gevens & Hogan families, deceased members of Surve & Hogan families, Steven Kasney Katherine Winkelman, Maria Wyka, Agata Grab, Zofia & Stefania & Wladyslaw & Elzbieta & Zygmunt, Grzegorz Gubernat, Agnieszka Pirog, Carmine & Connie Romano, Norman & Eleanor Willis, MaryAnn Boatman, Stewart & Frances Hoffman, Luke & Warren & Pauline Stroud, Thaddeus & Joan Wheeler, Ignatz & Jean Dubeil, Roe & James Watt, John & Barbara Cuthbert, Carol Sadowski, Anthony Marciano, Steven Marciano, Dr. Alyce & Robert Hunter, Janet Milita, Gloria & Addison Bradford, Isabella Todaro, Martha Propsner, Julie Devine, Frank Fenimore, Frank & Mary Mazzella, Carol Kemp, Donna Marie Tapp, Patricia Steiner, Frank Gomez, Jr., Victor Vilela, Susan Seger, Rev. Neil Davin, and Rev. Thomas Perunilam

## THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering a 12-week Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Theology of the Eucharist" on twelve consecutive Thursdays starting January 4 through March 21, 2024 from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM. The course will be offered at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Admission is \$15 for all twelve classes. Please register at [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more info, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

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*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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## PRAY FOR:

**Living:** John Lee, Christopher Muller, Doug Romaine, Ellen Cavaliere, Kathy Hurley, Lottie Grochowicz, Irena Pietras

**Deceased:** Regina Lukijaniuk, Frank Gomez, Jr., Zbigniew Grzywna, Rosemary Washuta, Zofia Koc

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