

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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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?  
Interest in making the Sacraments of  
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  
more information.

### E-mail

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### Website

www.peterpaulgm.com

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www.walkingpilgrimage.us

## Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church:

Our warmest welcome to all who  
celebrate the Holy Mass with us. We  
thank God you are here.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**January 10/11, 2026**

### **SAT – Jan 10**

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

### **MON – Jan 12**

8:30a +Diana Vernacchia

### **TUES – Jan 13 (St. Hilary)**

8:30a +Roman Sobon req Walt & Trish Horzepa

### **WED – Jan 14**

8:30a -Return to good health of Marilyn Gorski req  
Morning Prayer Group

### **THUR – Jan 15**

8:30a +-All names from the Christmas Rem Envs

### **FRI – Jan 16**

8:30a -God's blessings for Michilina & John  
Schleckmann req Morning Prayer Group

### **SAT – Jan 17 (St. Anthony)**

8:30a +Genevieve Godlewsky req Irene Johnson

5:00p +Czeslawa Pilch req Adella Kowalski

### **SUN – Jan 18 (Baptism of the Lord)**

7:30a +Juan Colinas req Marilyn Gorski

10a +Thomas Penner req Norm & Pat Willis

11:30a Pol: +Anna Buczek od rodziny

**Altar Flowers & Trees**– donated by our parishioners

**Bread & Wine** – is available

**Sanctuary Lamp** – is available

**Divine Mercy Candle** – is available

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Zubel/Buczek, Szewczyk, Leavy, Tyma, Balint,  
Cuiffo/Vincenti/Tully, Francis families

### **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.**

### **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.

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

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – Dec 2025/Jan 2026**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

4th week - \$3422 Christmas - \$10,180

New Years - \$1992 1st week - \$3664

### **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.



### **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.



### **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  
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shopping receipt. Thanks for all your support and thank  
you to our volunteers who stay to help sell them.



## House blessing on the Feast of the Epiphany

We invite you to adopt this custom in your family.

The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, C + M + B + (current year). The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also an abbreviation of the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross and the phrase ends with the current year.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

C + M + B + 2021 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and are manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless this house."

## **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.factsmgmt.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.

### **PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP**

*O Lord, Shepherd of Shepherds, we turn to you seeking your grace, that we in the Diocese of Metuchen may be given a bishop who is a shepherd after your heart and will guide us, your flock, to be a faithful flock and fruitful field in union with you now and for eternity. Amen.*

### **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.

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*"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"*  
**MATTHEW 3:14**

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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### **PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Terry Medino, Irena Mika, Gerardo Patane, Isabel Pereiras, Magaret Sypniewski, Beth Courter

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



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