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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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*Parish Secretary*

Diane Francis  
*Religious Ed. Director*

Kevin McCann  
*Music Director*

## MASSSES:

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm

**Sundays:** 7:30, 10:00, 11:15 am,  
12:30 pm (*Polish*)

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

**Weekdays (including Sat.):** 8:30 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  
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.

## SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

## BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
in the Chapel. New members are  
always welcome!

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are  
in need please call Lisa French at 908-  
343-7831. 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!

## E-mail

[stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net)

## Religious Education E-mail

[peterpaulreled@comcast.net](mailto:peterpaulreled@comcast.net)

## Website

[www.peterpaulgm.com](http://www.peterpaulgm.com)

## Walking Pilgrimage

[www.walkingpilgrimage.us](http://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.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18/19, 2020

### **SAT – Jan 18**

5:00p +Jan Lubas req his family

### **SUN – Jan 19**

7:30a +Stephen Romanowitch req Marilyn Gorski

10:00a +Anthony Maratea Adrienne Crowder

11:15a +Frank & Joy Warner req Barton & Mejia families

12:30p Pol: +Maria & Marion & Maria Chinalski req Diana Vernacchia

### **MON – Jan 20 (Ss. Fabian & Sebastian)**

8:30a -Continued good health & healing for Patrick Rossi req Maureen Smith

### **TUES – Jan 21 (St. Agnes)**

8:30a +Elizabeth Morgan req Gesumaria Family

### **WED – Jan 22 (Day of Prayer for legal protection of unborn)**

8:30a +Mary Mezgar req brother Arthur Grabowski

### **THUR – Jan 23 (Ss. Marianne Cope & Vincent)**

8:30a +Mary Kristoff req Robert Kristoff

### **FRI – Jan 24 (St. Francis de Sales)**

8:30a -Return to good health of Piotra Baranowski

### **SAT – Jan 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)**

8:30a +Anthony Kowalski, Jr. req sister Adella

5:00p +Francis Munley req wife Annette

### **SUN – Jan 26 (National Catholic School Week)**

7:30a +Stephen Romanowitch req Ed Tracy

10:00a +Rose Cusack req Matuszek Family

11:15a +Nelly Carvajal req Barton Family

12:30p Pol: -O obfitość łask i opiekę Matki Boskiej dla Jana Kaczmarek

**\*\*If you scheduled a Mass and would like to bring up the gifts during that Mass, please see the usher before Mass starts.**

**Altar Flowers** are donated by our parishioners

**Bread & Wine** is available

**Sanctuary Lamp** is available

**Divine Mercy Candle** is available

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Jan 24, Fri**-Holy Hour for Life, 7pm

**Jan 25/26-Sat/Sun**-Blessing of Bibles at all Masses

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR DIOCESE**

There is a special collection *next weekend* (January 25/26) that supports the Foundation for Catholic Education's annual scholarship program of our Diocese. This program provides needs-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Thanks to the generosity of our faithful to this collection last year we were able to provide larger scholarships to students and send over 79 children to one of our schools in September. Your gift makes an impact and provides great promise to so many young lives. The gift of a Catholic school education can forever change a child's life. I invite you to consider supporting this effort and to please be as generous as your means allow. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 26 - February 1, 2020. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit [diometuchen.org/csw](http://diometuchen.org/csw).

### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

If you are interested in having your house blessed for the New Year please look for a small white form on the brown table in the back of church. Fill it out and drop it into the collection basket. Fr. Greg will contact you for a day and time of his visit.



### **BLESSING OF BIBLES**

On September 30, 2019, the Memorial of Saint Jerome and upon the inauguration of the 1600th anniversary of his death, Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit illis*, established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. On December 12, 2019, The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop Checchio consecrated our diocese to the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave birth to the Word made flesh. As we take next steps toward a greater love for Our Lady's Son, the Word made flesh, we encourage our parishioners to mark the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and ask that you bring to the weekend Mass, (January 25/26) your personal or family bible for a special blessing by Fr. Greg.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

January 24th is the March for Life in Washington DC. If you cannot make the March please come and pray with us on Friday, January 24th here in our church at 7pm. We will be praying for the safety of all the unborn and the preservation of life from conception until natural death.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS-January**

1st week - \$2828

2nd week - \$

3rd week - \$

4th week- \$

## MANY, MANY THANKS

Thank you to the following people for coming out on Wednesday of this week to rescue our outdoor Christmas nativity statues from the bitter cold and possible destruction: Mark Francis, Al & Susan Sterphone, Katie & Ryan McCarthy & Grandma "McCarthy", Conner & M/M Shinkowski, Nolan & Mr. Arluna, and Jordan & Leslie Fedarick.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for the year, 2020. 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 you get in the mail are an easy and fast way to address your envelope. Also, Religious Ed families are asked to put your name on each offering envelope. This helps determine your involvement in our parish. Using envelopes also helps the pastor to easily OK and sign sponsor papers for a Baptism or Confirmation.



**LECTORS NEEDED** We are in need of additional lectors for the weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office for more information, 908-637-4269 or email-stpeterandpaul@comcast.net. We will train those volunteers who have never been a Lector.



## First Saturday - Feb. 1, 2020

**Why Five First Saturdays?** Because Our Lord and Our Lady (of Fatima) asked for it. When questioning why five First Saturdays, Our Lord replied to Sr. Lucia on May 29, 1930: "My daughter, the reason is simple...1. Against Her Immaculate Conception; 2. Against Her Virginity; 3. Against Her Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to recognize Her as the Mother of all mankind; 4. Those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference, contempt, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother; 5. Offenses of those who insult Her directly in Her sacred images." Begin your New Year by honoring Our Lord and Our Lady's plea. Bring your children and friends. The world needs this. The 15 minutes of meditation on the rosary requested by Our Lady will be a visual presentation. Confessions 10:30; Rosary w/15 min. meditation 11:30; Mass 12:15 N.; Brown Scapular Enrollment, talk at Holy House regarding its' relics; Divine Mercy Chaplet. 674 Mt. Rd. E., Asbury, NJ 08802 908-689-1700, ex.224.

## Stress in your Marriage?

ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE  
WEEKEND FOR COUPLES SOMERSET, NJ  
February 21-23, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION: RICH  
COLASUONNO @ 732-236-0671, ANNETTE  
COLASUONNO @ 732-672-0748 OR  
3024@RETRouvaille.org

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a "difficult choice." Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother's womb. So, of course, it is "difficult". Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a "difficult choice". If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life? Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a "difficult choice". Of course not. Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the "difficult choice" that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading "blob of tissue"---like a cancerous growth. Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother's womb?

## A Pajama Program Contribution Drive

Will be held in Hackettstown, for the 11<sup>th</sup> year, to benefit the New Jersey Chapter of the Pajama Program, a 501c3 nonprofit that provides new, warm sleepwear and new, nurturing books to children in need. The drop off sites are Trinity United Methodist Church, Main Street, Hackettstown AND Exit Realty 149 Main St., Hackettstown from Sunday February 9 through Saturday, February 15, 2020. The pajamas and books are distributed to organizations throughout Warren County. Wearing warm pajamas and hearing a bedtime story can make a significant difference for these children and help them to a brighter future. Since Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is a day of love, it seems appropriate to focus our local need towards this day. For these children, there is no better gift than a good night and a good book. Pajamas and books are on sale at clearance prices at many local retail stores, making it an easy way to give. Tax-deductible checks are also welcome, made payable to Pajama Program. (On the memo line please write NJ Chapter.) For more information visit the Pajama Program International website: [www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org) OR call Linda Mezzino 908 637-4838 or Andrea Schick 908 303-9342.

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*"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."*

Mother Teresa

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## PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Diana Vernacchia, Louise Stefanski, Dottie Kasper, David Decker, Kevin Atchison, Ken Pandorf  
**Deceased:** Dustin Fisher (1st Anniv.), Helena Czajkowska, Stephen Romanowitch, Jr.

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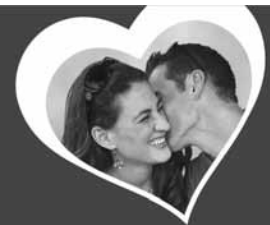


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