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Welcome to our Church!

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo Administrator

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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.

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.

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18/19, 2025

SAT – Jan 18

5:00p +Georgene Schilare req Maureen Glennon

SUN – Jan 19

7:30a +Jan Lubas req his family

10a +Barbara Jane Begley req Gerald Bajc

11:30a Pol: +Stefania Stelmaszczyk od rodziny Szmigielski

MON – Jan 20 (Ss. Fabian & Sebastian)

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

TUES – Jan 21 (St. Agnes)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Waldyslaw Kusiak req Dait Family

WED - Jan 22 (Day of Prayer for Unborn)

8:30a +Mary Mezgar req brother Art Grabowski

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

8:30a +Frank Kowalski reg Jenn & Chris Mulhall

FRI – Jan 24 (St. Francis deSales)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Agnieszka Kusiak req Dait Family

SAT – Jan 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)

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

5:00p +Luke Stroud req his family

SUN – Jan 26

7:30a +Jan Lubas req his family

10a +Regis Biemer req Armstrong Family

11:30a Pol: +Jan & Stanislawa Kasprzyk od rodziny Hader

Altar Flowers – donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine – is offered this week in memory of

Margaret Szewczyk req her family

Sanctuary Lamp - is lit this week for the soul of Margaret Szewczyk req her family

Divine Mercy Candle - is lit this week in memory of Jan Lubas reg his family

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, Kaczmarski, G. Hader families

HOUSE BLESSINGS for 2025

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 or hand it to Fr. Greg. He will contact you about a day and time.

WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER???



If you already received your First Holy Communion and wish to serve at Mass please contact the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:30am – 3pm). A training session will be set up for anyone interested. Please call, 908-637-4269 or email: stpeterandpaul@comcast.net.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – January 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support. 1st week - \$3363 2nd week - \$3449

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

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.

TAX LETTERS

Tax letters are now available. Call the rectory anytime during office hours or email us to request your letter to help fill out your taxes, (908-637-4269).

2024 OUTREACH REPORT CARD

This is our annual report covering the period of 1/1/24 to 12/31/24. We help not only our own parishioners but also people and families in our community and families in our local schools. We help with all sorts of bills from food to rent. Here is our 2024 Outreach Report Card: Our bank account started out with \$8835.58. We received a total of \$5,189.90 in donations during 2024. Here is a breakdown of all expenses for 2024: Electric-\$934.99, Car payment-\$276.14, Food cards-\$2425.00, (this includes Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), credit card payments-\$2509.03, additional Christmas gifts for children in need-\$212.00. Total expenses-\$6,357.16. This leaves us with a balance of \$7,668.32 as of 12/31/2024. Easter, we helped 28 families with 71 Easter Baskets and full meals, Thanksgiving we helped 23 families with full Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas we helped 25 families with full dinners and Christmas presents enough for 62 children plus simple gifts for the residents of Forest Manor Nursing Home in Hope. We have super generous parishioners who come to the rescue every holiday, may God bless you with abundant graces this New Year!

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."

2025 THE JUBILEE-YEAR

History of the Jubilee Year: The first Jubilee Year was instituted in 1300 by pope Boniface VIII. It was established to help us grow closer to God, to transform our souls. It was to take place every 100 years. In 1343 Popel Clement VI reduced the time between Jubilee Years to 50 and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. This year 2025 Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year or in other words a "Holy Year". In this Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence or Jubilee Indulgence by participating through pilgrimage and prayer. You can travel to Rome to the Basilica of St. Peter or our Bishop has designated the following places within the Diocese of Metuchen: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, or the National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick. To obtain the indulgence you must 1) receive Holy Communion, 2) pray for the intention of the Holy Father, 3) sincere intention to detach from all sin and go to confession, 4) participate in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year. You may find all this information and more on the Diocesan website under the heading "Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope".

What else can we do???

The printout you found in last week's bulletin will help as we journey through this, the Jubilee Year. Extra copies can be found on the brown table.

2025 Marriage Preparation

Dates and the Couples Guide are now on the diocesan website. You can access them through our webpage, peterpaulgm.com under the tab "Weddings"

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND, we are asked to help the Catholic Education Fund which in turn helps families with tuition assistance for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen. To help educate and also keep children learning about the Catholic faith we must help encourage them in every way possible. Please be generous in the second collection NEXT weekend.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat February 21-23, at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington NJ. Rachel's Vineyard is a sanctuary of hope and healing for those carrying the heavy burden of loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. It is a place where hearts broken by pain can be mended, and where the mercy and love of God can soothe even the deepest wounds. Through our confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreats, you will find a safe space to grieve, to release the weight of guilt, shame, or anger, and to begin the journey toward renewal and peace. These retreats are not just about healing; they are about reclaiming your voice, finding forgiveness, and embracing the profound truth that you are loved beyond measure. No matter how much time has passed, you deserve this healing. Whether you're a mother, father, grandparent, sibling, or someone touched by abortion in any way, Rachel's Vineyard welcomes you with open arms. Let this be the moment you step out of the shadows and into the light of restoration and hope. To register, or for more information, please contact Leah at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site.Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org for more info on retreat dates & locations. Healing is waiting for you and you are not

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." - 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of

PRAY FOR:

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

Deceased: Rudy Pasko, James Stryker, Ed Pasko, Jr, Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere



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